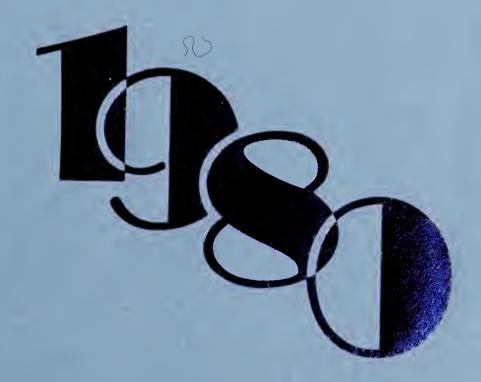
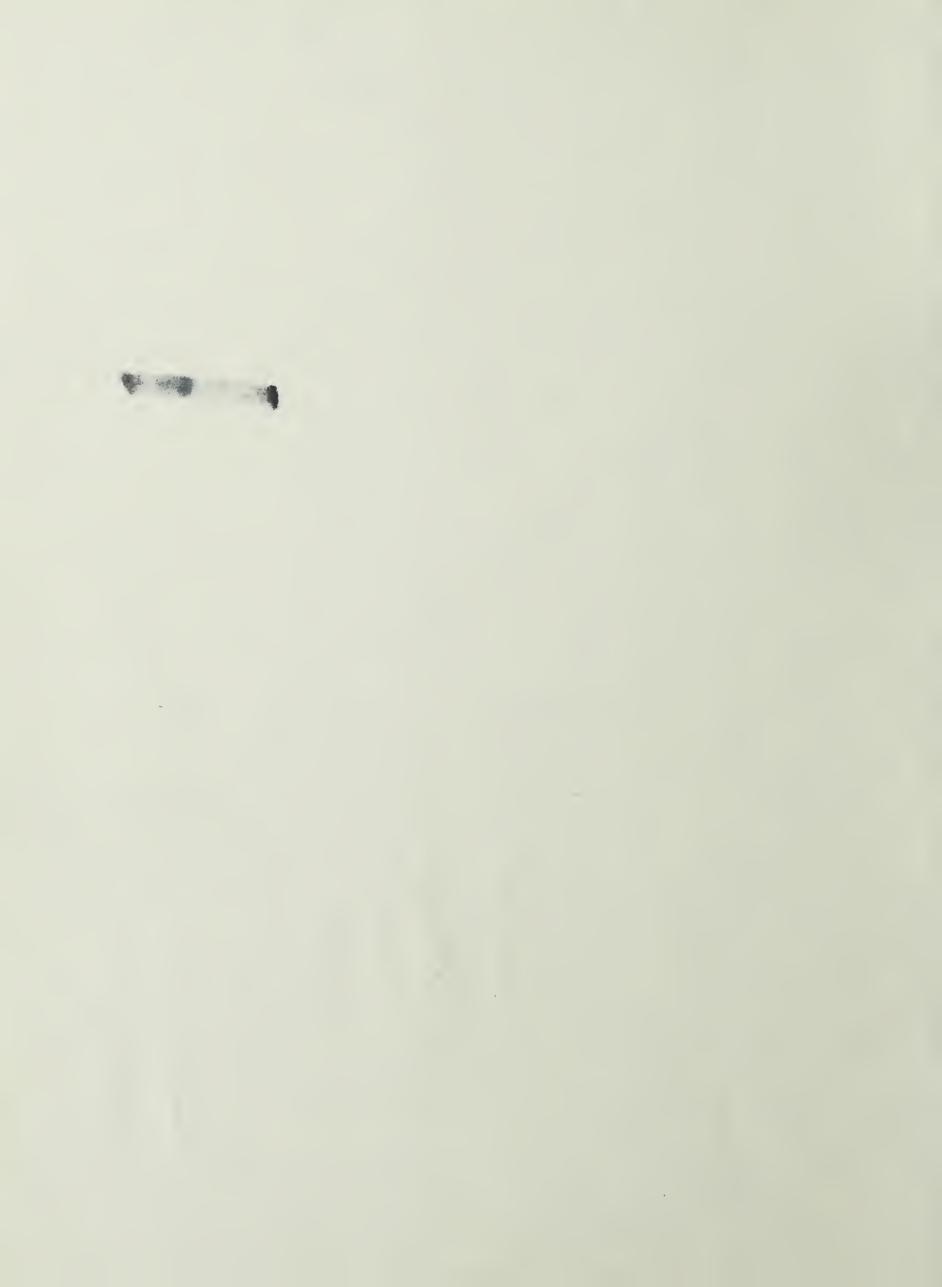
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School board gets to see sold plan for new high school

Prince William School Board members nodded in approval Wednesday, as they looked over preliminary plans for the county's sixth high school that show classroom areas with movable partitions.

The partitions will allow teachers to change the size of classrooms in relations to instructional requirements, architect Charles Hicks told the

"These partitions can't be moved by the push of a button," Hicks said. "The accordion-type walls do not provide sufficient sound barriers."

The preliminary drawings show how the space in the academic portions of the proposed high school could be designed. The school is proposed for the eastern end of the county.

The drawings show that classroom spaces may be changed from four or six traditional classrooms, to more open arrangements.

In spite of that flexibility, flicks described the classrooms as basically self-contained.

In addition, links said tourd

Can you believe room 211 looked like this?

concerned about designing a high school which is "simple and compact", so that it is less expensive to build and maintain.

The idea will not necessarily result in a rectangular building. School Plant Services Director Richard Johnson said. However, the result is likely to be less sprawling than the county's current large high schools.

Finally, Hicks said board members and parents were

concerned about designing a school so that it would be easy to control students.

control students.

Hicks said he drew standard corridors and placed the administrative offices in the classroom sections.

classroom sections.

Hicks told the board that all the work is preliminary. If the June 14 construction bond is approved by county voters, then work will begin on the final plans

High school site okayed

Prince William's sixth high school is to be on a 70-acre site east of the truck scales between I-95 and U.S. 1.

The School Board Thursday night unanimously agreed to purchase the land for \$150,000. In its original planning, the staff had included \$700,000 for site acquisition.

Although the site does not front on U.S. 1, the board is making arrangements for an access easement for the half-mile stretch between the highway and the school site.

Funds for the site are included in the proposed \$14.95 million school construction bond referendum which will go to the county voters June 14.

Boardman Thomas Beane abstained from voting because his legal firm had previously represented the estate from which the land is to be purchased.

Boardman Herbert Saunders voted on the motion. However, he said he is part of a corporation which owns land nearby, which was purchased from the same estate.

"I just don't want anyone to be

"I just don't want anyone to be confused about these two sites," Saunders said as he explained his real estate holdings.

The site selection keeps the board on its basic schedule, although other parts of the high school planning have faillen slightly behind.

The board finalized its contract with the high school architect Wednesday night.

However, the board was scheduled to comment on the initial educational specifications for the school Wednesday night. Because of the lengthy budget discussions, the board has deferred discussion on that topic until a special meeting, which has been called for Tuesday evening.

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Three high school names left

The search for a name for the new sixth high school in eastern Prince William has narrowed to three choices, according to Pattie Folks, chairman of the naming committee.

The three choices of the

committee are Potomac Senior High School, Jefferson Davis High School and William Grayson High School. School Board Chairman

School Board Chairman Thomas Beane said the board would consider the three choices, along with the name John Pattie High School, after a former School Board member.

Mrs. Folks said the Jefferson Davis name was a favorite due to the location of the new school on U.S. 1. Grayson was a Prince William native who served as an aide-decamp to Gen. George Washington and later

represented the county in the General Assembly.

The three nominees received the highest vote of the 10 names the committee received

School Board members Herbert Saunders, George Mullen and Regis Lacey were appointed to a special committee to review the name suggestions for the new high school and the two new elementary schools.

Stadium, pool scrapped at sixth high school

Prince William's School Board Thursday night scrapped the idea of building a stadium and a swimming pool with the proposed sixth high school

proposed sixth high school.

The high school educational specifications committee had suggested that a stadium in a neutral area, along with a swimming pool and track, be constructed instead of continuing to place a stadium at each high school.

Beardman Thomas Beane suggested the stadium be handled separately from the June bond referendum concerning for high school construction.

Remembering the successful 1973 band reterendum to construct two high school stadiums. Beane suggested that the same practice be continued.

Other board members

"I want a pool so badly it hurts. Nothing could talk me out of it except money, which means I can't support the pool. Goodbye, pool," Board member Phyllis O'Toole

There were no funds for a passi included in the \$13.3 million for high school construction. However, \$200,000 was included for construction of a stadium.

The board has already aved \$550,000 by arranging to purchase a site for \$150,000, rather but the \$700,000 included

in the bond proposal for site acquisition.

In addition, the board approved the concept of constructing flexible spaces in the academic portions of the proposed school, but the members were concerned about the cost of moveable partitions which would be required.

The plan for flexibility

The plan for flexibility means the proposed school will have self-contained classes. Each class will have four walls and a regular door, rather than the open spaces in the county's four large high schools.

However, in some sections, there will be partitions dividing blocks of four classrooms. The

However, in some sections, there will be partitions dividing blocks of four classrooms. The idea is to allow teachers to change the size of the rooms for various instructional programs.

There were many board questions on issues ranging from aesthetics to the air turnover requirements of the ventilating system. However, there were no board requests for changes from the committee report in any of these areas.

In a general way, the committee is looking for construction of a high school similar to the current four large high schools, in that it will provide space for the same range of programs.

same range of programs.

However, there are many specific changes, such as making the rest rooms more resistant to

vandalism

Beane and Mrs. O'Toole said they would like a larger number of windows than were included in the current buildings.

Much of the tone of the session was finding fault with the current schools.

Schools Supt. Dr. Milton Snyder defended the design of the current buildings.

"The designers of these buildings must have known that they would become overcrowded before more schools were built," Schools Supt. Milton Snyder said. "You now have 1,200 more students in each of those buildings than they were intended to hold. I'm not speaking in favor of open space, but the open spaces have allowed you to put that number of students in the buildings. When you go to self-contained classes, you will lose that flexibility. All I hear about those schools is bad mouthing. I have to point out the benefits."

The Educational Specifications Committee has not completed its work on the amount of space in the building which will be allocated for specific uses. The committee expects to finish that work on Monday.

The board is slated to approve the final specifications at its May i meeting, after which the architect will begin specific design work

A Special Thanks

In April, 1979, work on Potomac began. From the outside, Potomac looked like an organized school. Inside, however, it was a different story. Carpenters, plumbers, painters and other men worked on a school that had not been used in years. As it turned out, however, the building was ready for the new school year, the very first year of Potomac Senior High School.

We want to take a moment to thank all the people who helped us . . . especially the parents! You helped by giving us your total support. Much of this help was in the area of athletics.

One thing we're really glad of . . . you pushed and pushed to get a stadium for our new school. Your arguments for it were good ones. You stood up for us and told everyone how we deserved the best we could get, the stadium was just one example.

Potomac school NOV 24 1978 ceremonies set

Work Begins in Two Places

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Potomac Senior High School will be held at the school site Friday at 3 p.m.

Student government officers from Graham Park and Rippon middle schools, whose students are slated to attend the new facility, will present a time capsule to the school, which will be built into the structure. The metal box will include plans and specifications for the building, and a newspaper clipping history of the bond referendum and other inilestones in the new school's history.

Choral and instrumental

groups from Gar-Field High School will perform, and brief remarks will be given by Schools Superintendent Wiliam Helton, School Board Chairman Thomas O. Beane and Dumfries District Supervisor Andrew Donnelly.

Dumfries School Board member Herbert J. Saunders will be master of ceremonies, and the Rev. James Draper of Dumfries United Methodist Church will give the invocation. The Rev. Robert E. Allard of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will give the benediction.

The public is invited to the ceremonies. Rain or snow date is the following Friday.



Jan may slice school land

State highway department plans to expand the truck weighing station on 1-95 may slice an even nine acres slated for ballfields from the back of the new Potomac High School property, according to a school official.

School Plant Services Richard Johnson said the state is considering the construction of a rest field from the new school, situated land designated as softball and baseball fields and a multipurpose near area for truckers which would take Superintendent between I-95 and U.S. Assistant

Johnson expects the struction to begin in mid-1980 Woodbridge. State plans now call for However, Johnson expects school to be in use July 1, 1980.

While the state action is not definite yet, Johnson said, the staff site work on the school went out Thursday and bidders will be asked is taking no chances. Bids for the to submit estimates for both a 70 acre and a 61-acre site.

The staff is also negotiating with landowner to arrange an option on another nine acres, should be state Trust and another Peake

bookkeeping system in effect so that all costs involved in acquiring the new land will be available." go ahead with its plan.
''We've begun a separate Johnson said. If the state does take the nine acres the School Board now owns, the board would negotiate with the state on the land. Additional costs would hopefully be included. Johnson said amount of payment

"But to tell you that the School Board won't have to absorb additional costs, I just can't do that,' he added

The weighing station expansion is part of the Dale City interchange

scheduled for construction in 1980. When the state first proposed the interchange and weighing station, Johnson said, the school staff was not aware that the land later purchased for the high school would be needed for the project.

"I don't know what happened," he said. "Somehow we just didn't know."

He added that even if the staff

had known about the weighing station expansion, it probably would not have made a difference.

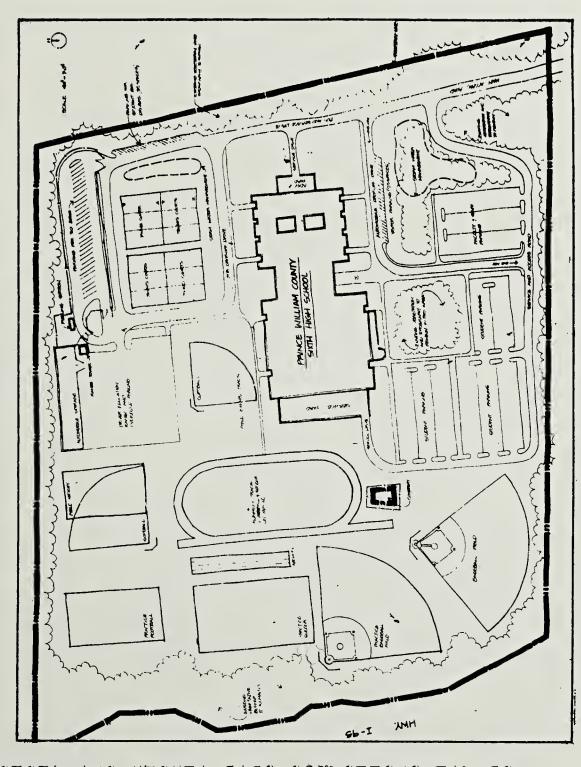
"We were looking at 17 different sites at the time, and if you look at the map, you'll see the site for the new school is perfectly located for the population needs," Johnson said.

The timetable now calls for the contract on site work to be awar-

ded the third week of March and actual construction of the building

to start in June. So far, Johnson noted, the construction has kept strictly to schedule.

"As long as we can plan and work together with the state and the changes won't affect the the changes won't affect the education of the students in the building, then we'll do it." Johnson



Ballfields at left may be taken from Potomac High School by highway department

Eighth graders suggest Potomac High nicknames

By BECKY BURCHER

Calling names can be great fun for school kids.

Eighth graders at Graham Park Middle School had their chance on Monday when they suggested nicknames and school colors for the new Potomac High School, the school for which they will be the first graduating class.

The students made their suggestions to the school's new principal, Josephine

Baker, at their first orientation meeting concerning their transition from middle to high school.

The call for nickname suggestions came as no surprise to the eighth graders. There appeared to be a campaign under way Monday for the Potomac "Panthers" and the Potomac "Warriors."

Classmates were busy

politicking for their choice with those who were un-decided or interested in coming up with names of

Ms. Baker is meeting this week with most of the incoming students who will attend Saunders School in the fall as ninth graders. Classes will be held at Saunders until the Potomac building is ready in early 1981.

Students are being given a chance to suggest their favorite nicknames and color combinations for a vote that will determine these sometime in April.

These two decisions must be made by students before plans for other areas such as the ordering of athletic uniforms and band attire can be completed, Ms. Baker told the assembly of students at Graham Park.

Aside from taking their suggestions, Ms. Baker fielded their questions and told them about their responsibilities as members of the first graduating class.
"One of the traditions you

"One of the traditions you are going to help set is caring about your school, how it looks to you and other people coming in," Ms. Baker told the eighth graders.

While the students begin scheduling their classes this week at their middle schools, Ms. Baker will continue the

Ms. Baker will continue the interviewing for guidance, library and athletic personnel. The interviewing process for a full staff will continue through the month continue through the month of April, she said.



"I'm telling you, the colors to choose are black, gold and white. I mean "

"But black is the color of a panther. Panthers should be the nickname because Warriors will sound like Gar-Field Indians."

"Panthers is a disgusting name! Everyone will think we got our name from Pattie Elementary."

"You're so idiotic! Potomac Panthers all the way!!"



Mountains of trash had to be moved.

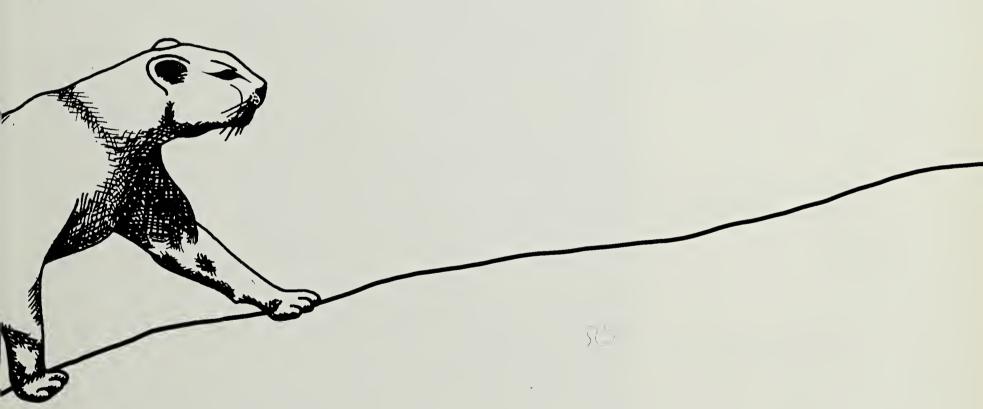
The first day of school, kids were more or less glad to be back in school, but groaning anyway about the end of summer vacation.

Homeroom dragged on endlessly as teachers gave out the handbooks and assigned lockers. They talked on and on . . . and on, mostly about classroom ideas and the like. It was hard to pay attention to them — who wants to hear rule upon rule on the first day of High School? Besides, everyone wanted to see and talk to old friends.

Between classes we tried and tried to open our lockers. Kicking and pounding didn't work but after a while most of us finally learned the trick: dialing the combination, pushing the lock up, then finally yanking it down. Not that there was anything good in our lockers at the time, no books were around to put in them.

By the end of the day, however, books flowed from the lockers! No homework, thank goodness, but who knew what tomorrow would bring?

In the Beginning . . .



Class

Adams, Christopher Adams, Pam Amidon, Steve Anderson, Kevin Anderson, Marci

Angelo, John Applegate, Debra Arrington, Robert Arthur, Patricia Asbery, Michael

Atkins, John Baggott, Donald Bahorich, Susan Bailey, Darrell Bailey, Jim

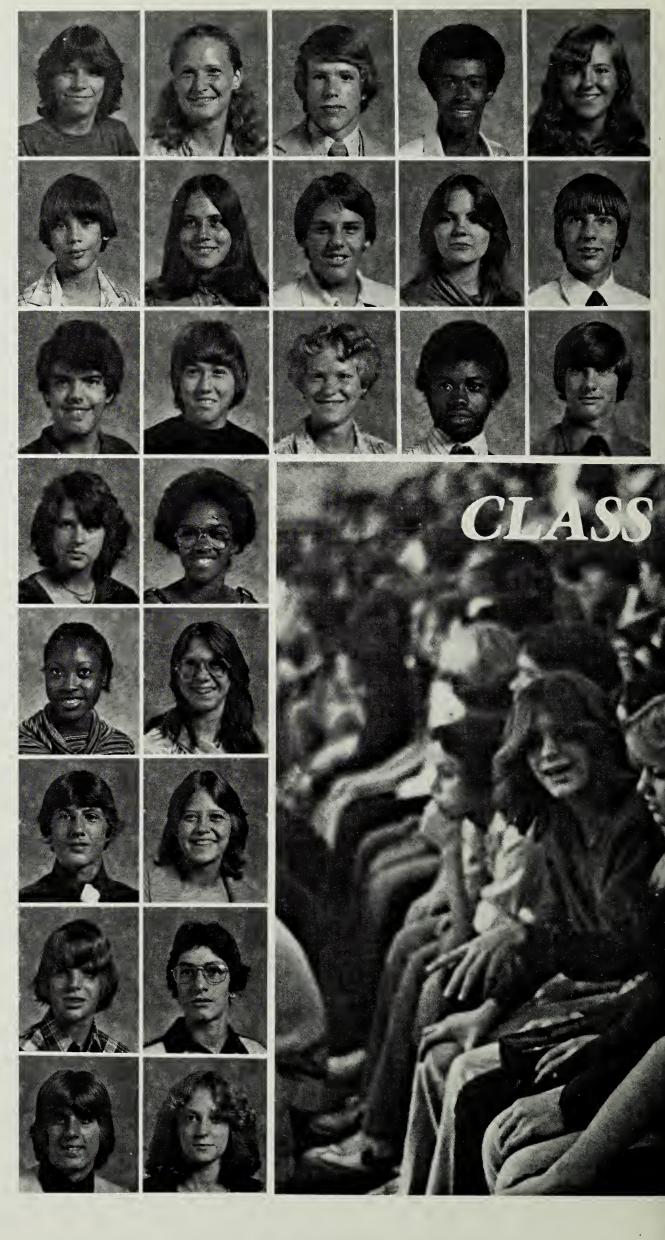
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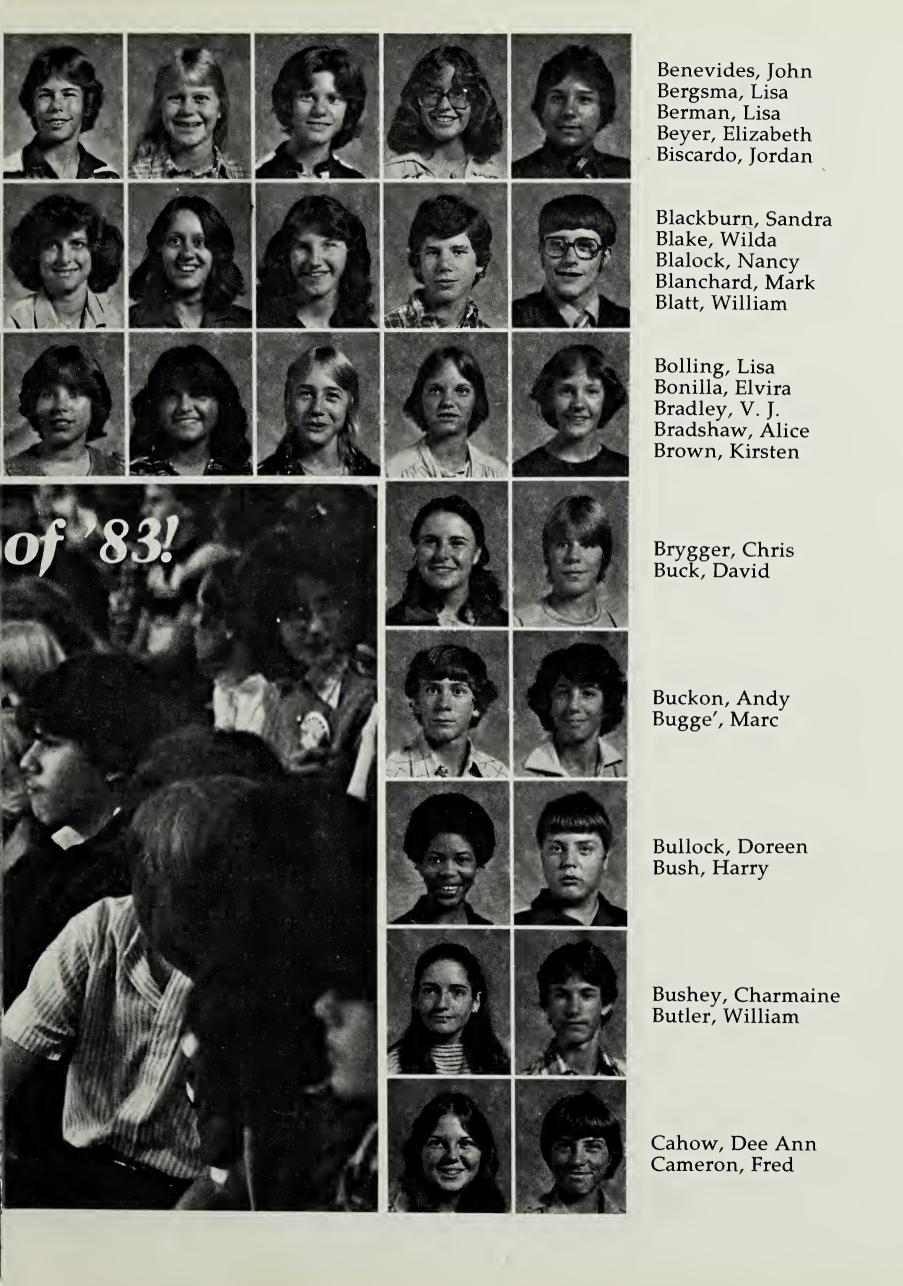
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Beamer, Steve Beightol, Larry

Bell, David Bell, Monica





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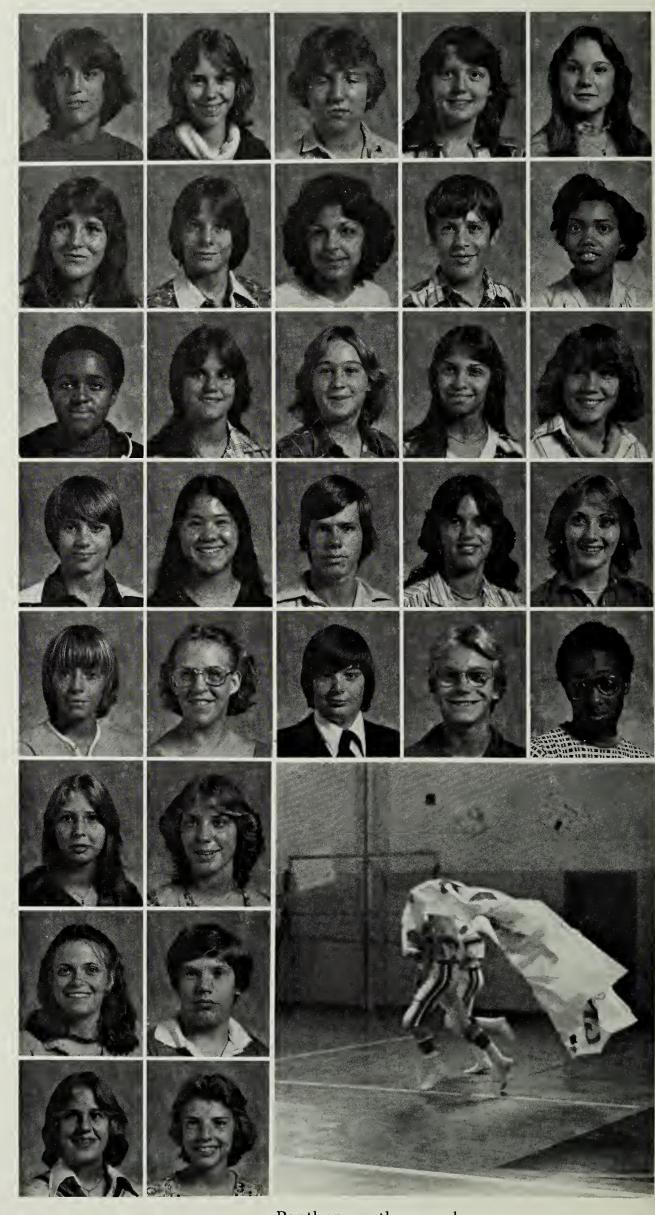
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Cooper, Danny Cooper, Susan Copenhaver, Doug Copley, Jon Corbin, Ronnie

Corcoran, Cheryl Cornell, Virginia

Cornwell, Joyce Corrigan, Joe

Cozart, Susan Craig, Karmen



Panthers on the prowl.



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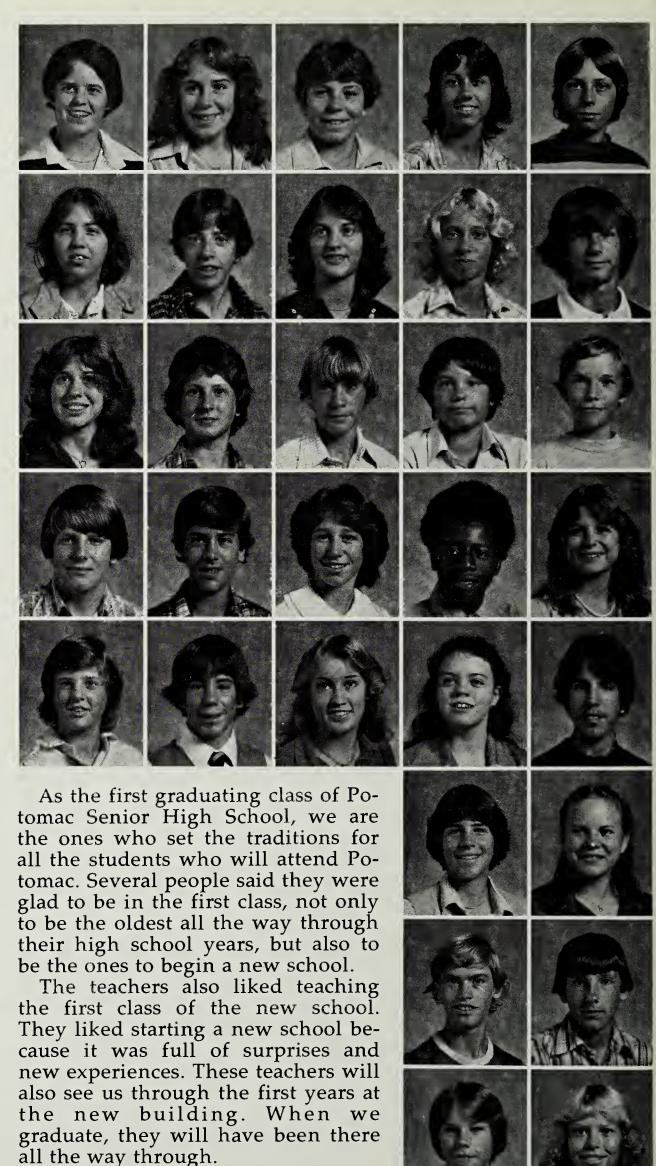
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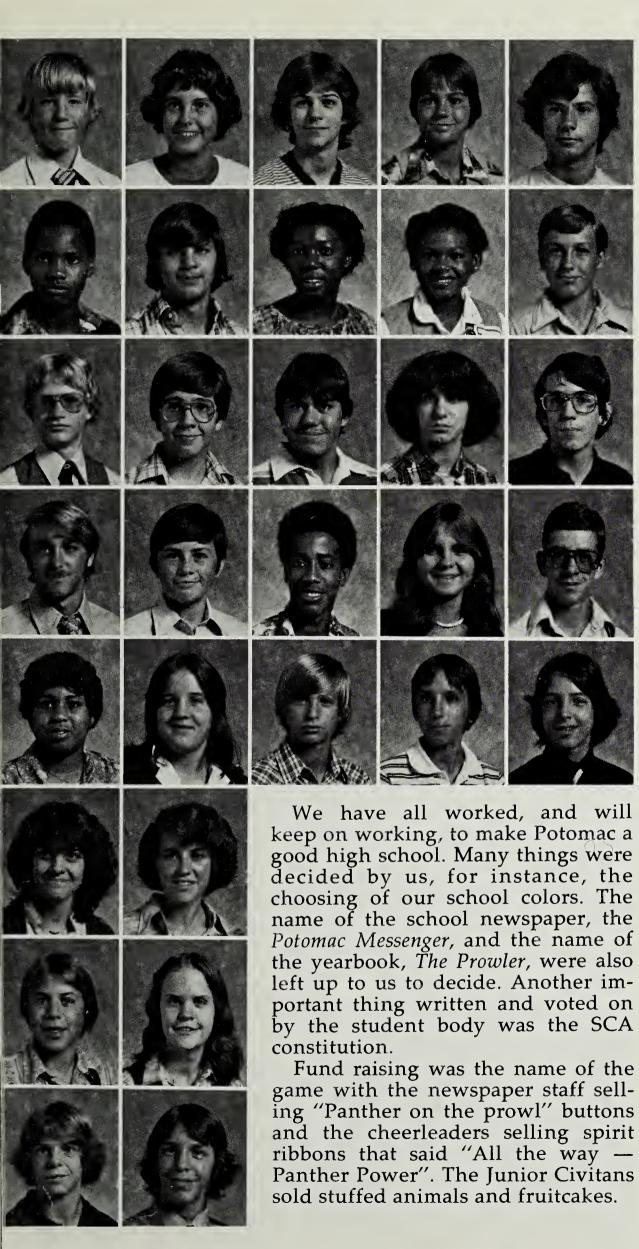
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Goodridge, Hassan Graham, Kenny Green, Kaloni Greenhow, Gloria Greer, Mike

Grubbe, John Grundeman, Fritz Gutierrez, Chris Haddad, Chris Hall, Robert

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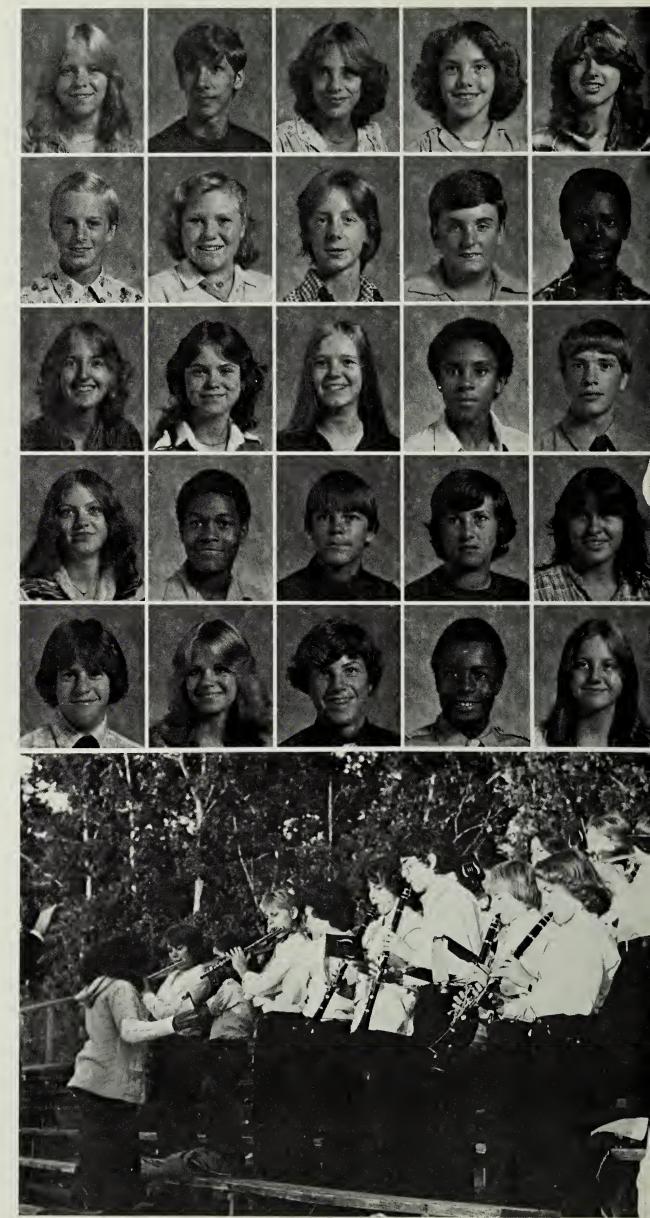
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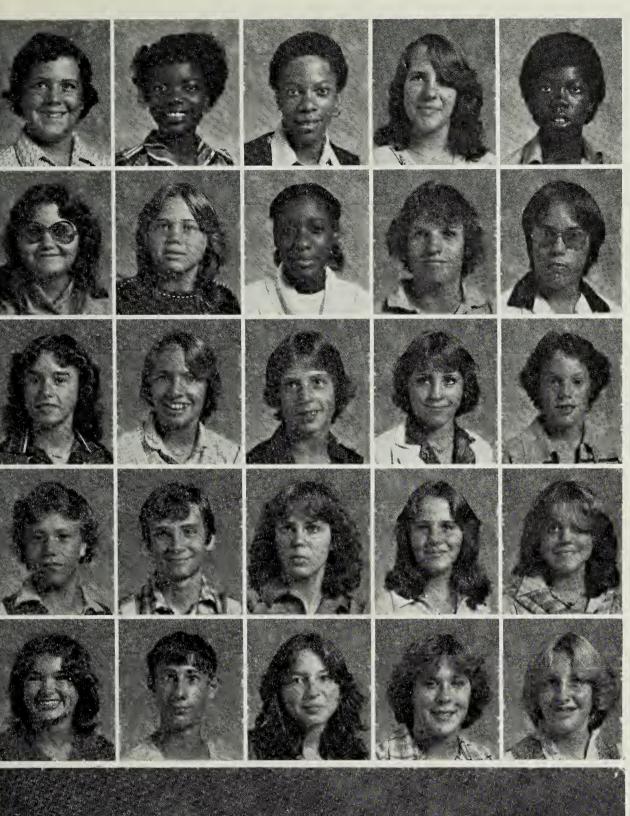
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Our marching band in it's first public appearance.



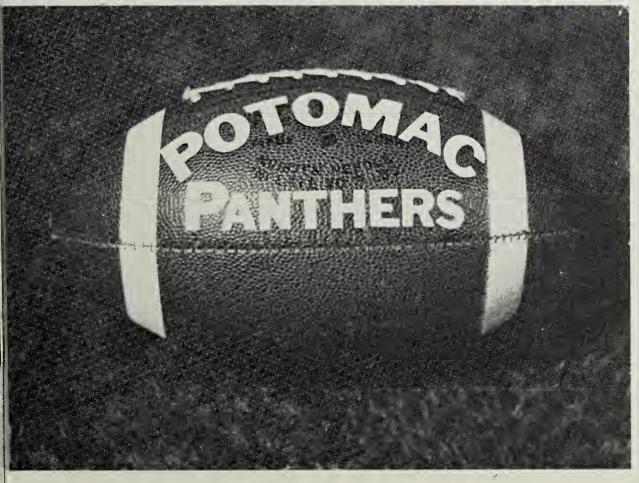
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Lascody, Laurie Lashbaugh, Eddie Lawlor, Patty Lebowitz, Ange Leckey, Diane



Source of school pride.

Ledlow, Jerry Lidyard, Chris Light, Debra Lincoln, Chris Lloyd, Jimmy

Lohr, Robert Long, Gary Lowery, Mark Lowry, Jeff Lucas, Timmy

Lucero, John Lyman, Mike Macalino, Stephanie Maconaughey, Michelle

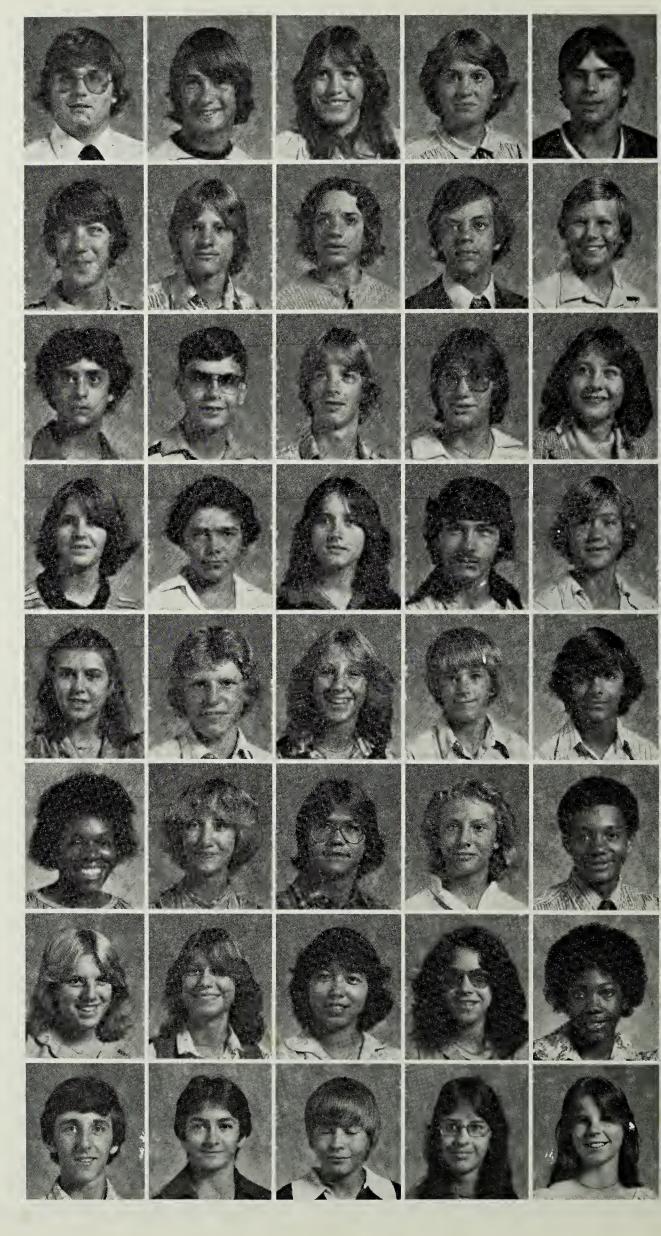
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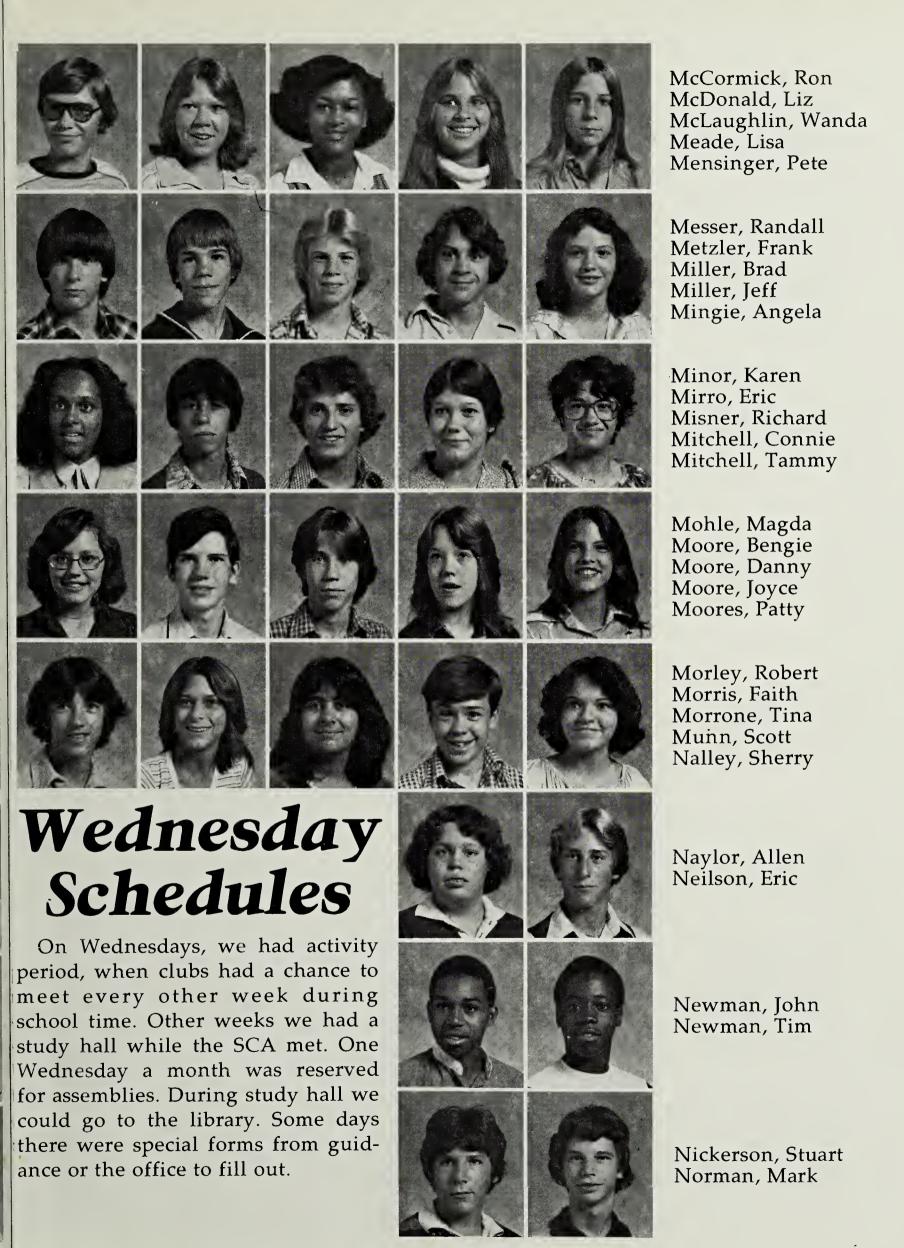
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Massie, Jim Mast, David Maziekus, Vince McCarty, Kim McCloud, Teresa





Nugent, Paul O'Brien, Pat O'Connor, Patrick O'Hearn, Tamara Ohlander, Kerstin

Ohlin, Jeffrey O'Keefe, Heather Olmo, Cindy Oravec, John Orrell, Jamie











































First Year

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At Fast

Pace





















Oscar, Becky O'Shea, Kevin

Overby, Le'Anne Owen, Glyn

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Painter, Elise Palau, Claudia

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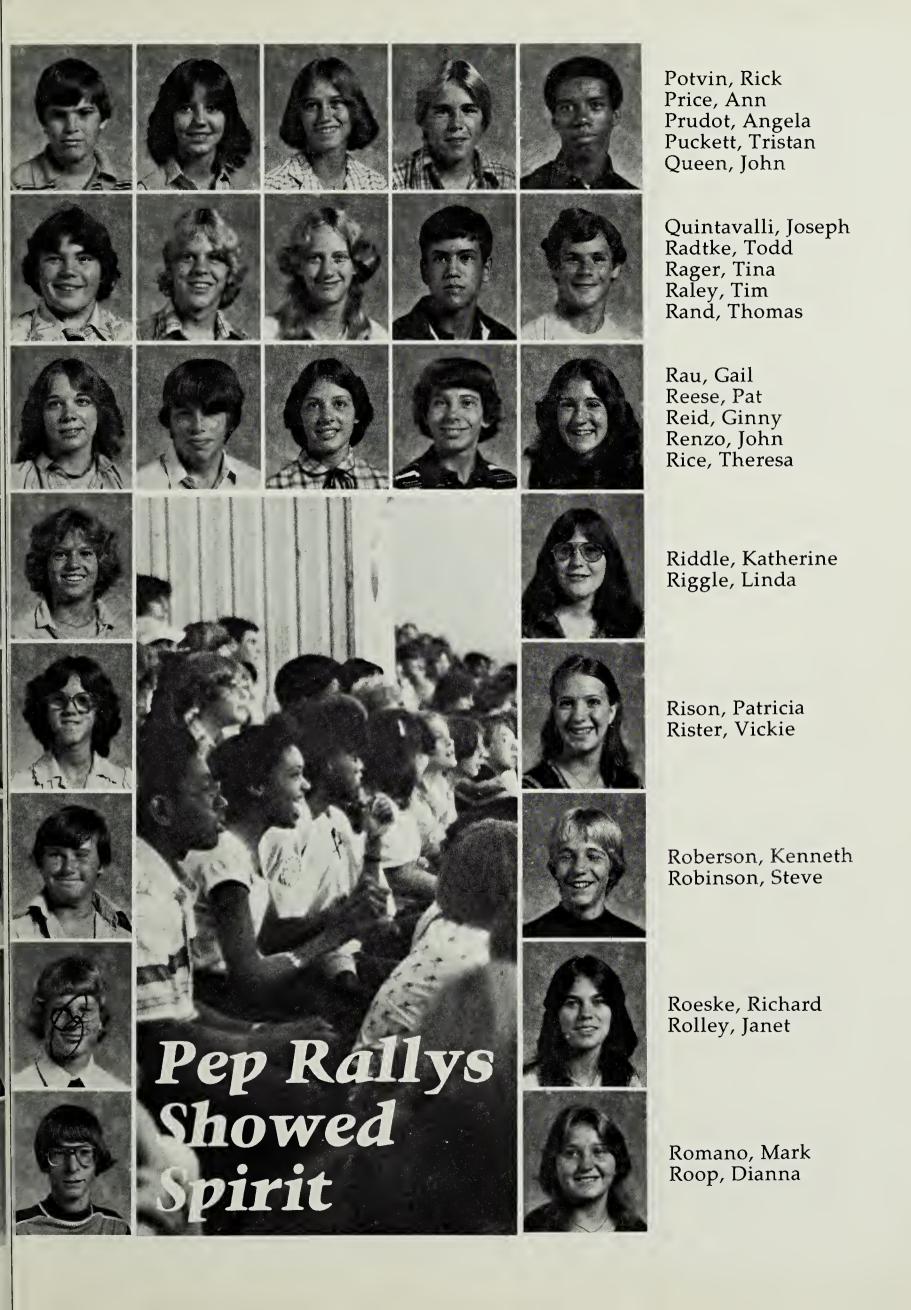
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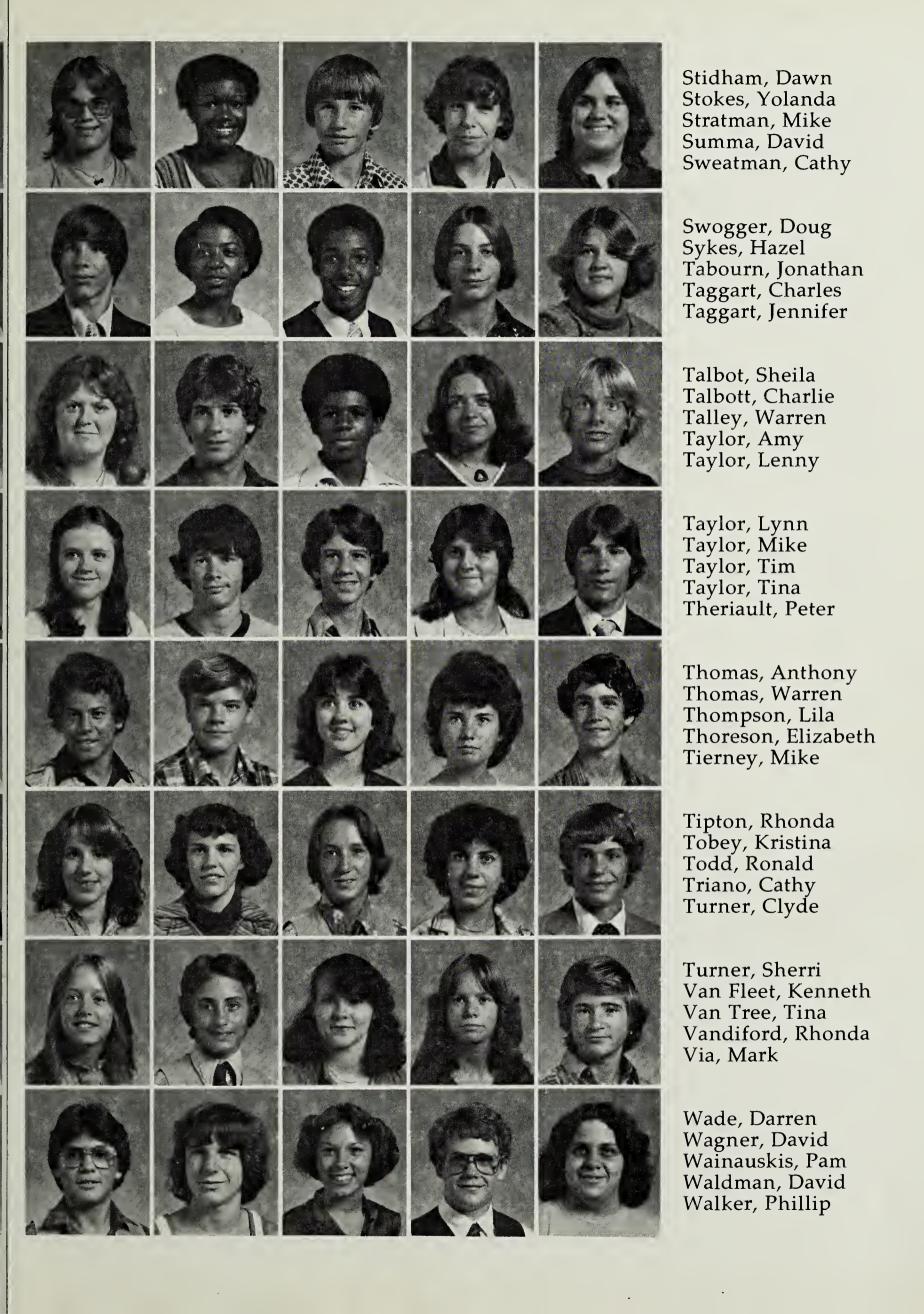
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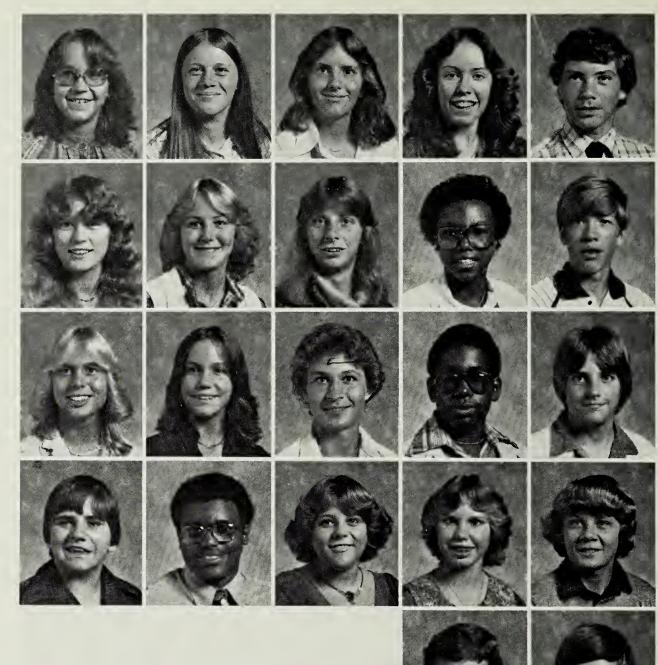


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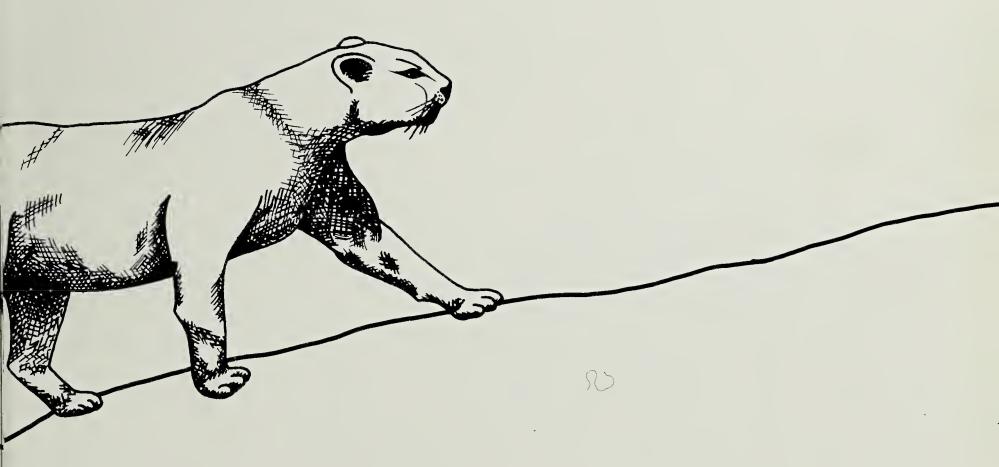
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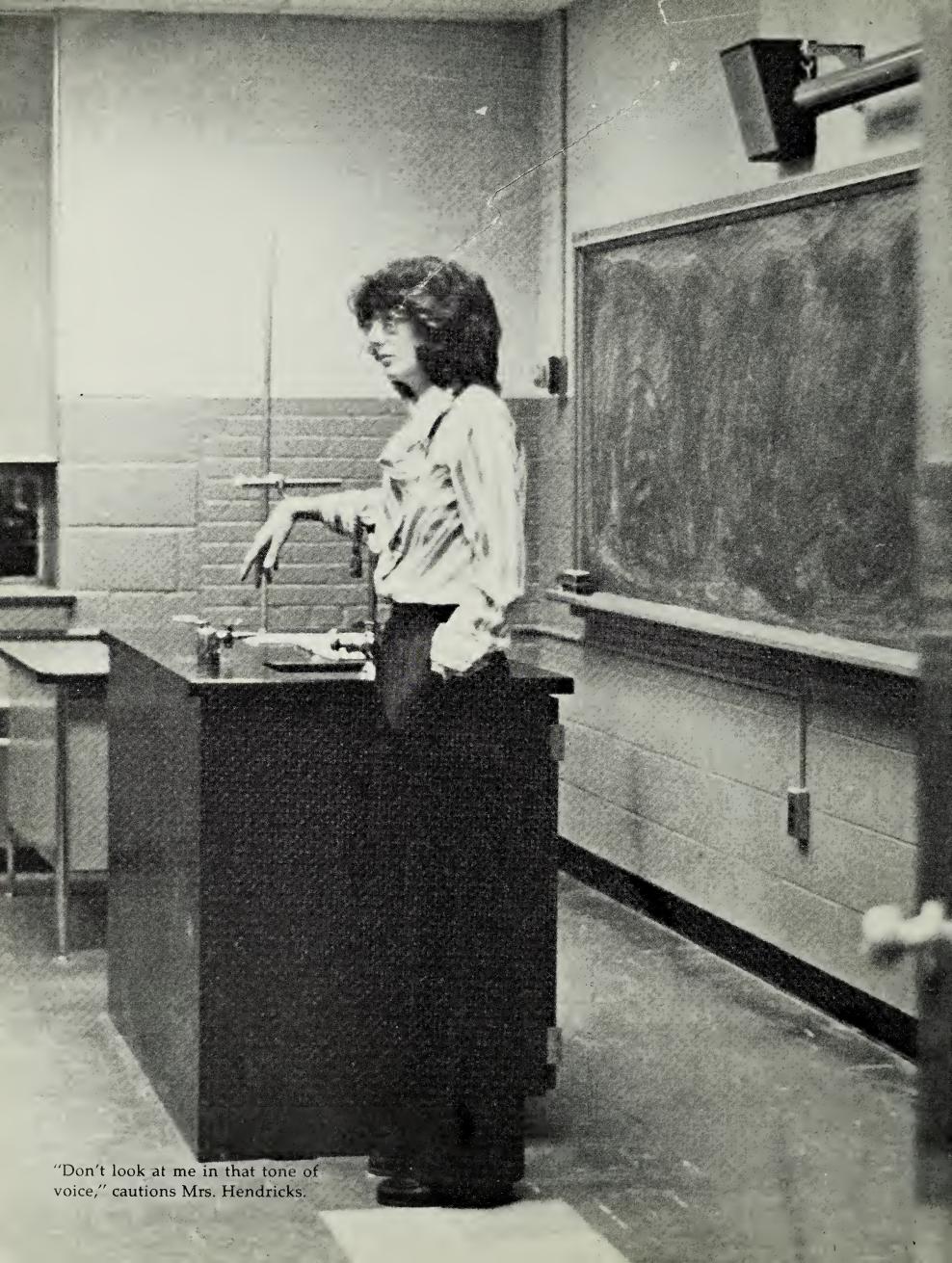
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In the Beginning...



Faculty



Do's and Don'ts of the Classroom



J. Baker Principal

P. Carter Bookkeeper

J. Dunivin Guidance & Library Secretary

P. Ghiloni Biology

K. Baldwin Spanish I French I Ir. Civitans

G. Cash French II Foreign Language Club

S. Elzay LD Resource

N. Hall Algebra I Geometry Cheerleaders

L. Bennett Chorus

C. Cunningham Football Algebra I Geometry

E. Fleming Home Ec Gen Business

C. Hardison English Cross Country

B. Brown PE, Athletic Director

R. Dill Band

I. Gardziel Ind Arts Football Photo Club

B. Hendricks Earth Science

J. Cardinale Industrial Arts

P. Droves Guidance Jr. Civitans

J. Gaudet Librarian Yearbook Library Club

R. Holley Earth Science Wld Studies Pep Club

Classroom behavior, as well as one's "social behavior", was enforced more and more this year.

Think of all the things you do in the classroom. For example, be aware of the teacher who shows you individual attention. Try to discourage him, unless you want to be known as the "teacher's pet". Never let anyone see you talking to a teacher, unless you want to be a social outcast.

Sitting correctly was also important. Always sit in a dazed slouch. Never appear to be interested in what the teacher has said.

Nor did we raise our hands. If you felt you must take part, you raised eves to the vour chalkbosrd or fluttered your eyelids. This action told the teacher that you wanted to express an opinion.

Excuses, Excuses

"My mom used it as a diaper", "It's in my locker", "The dog ate it", "I know I did it. It's in my other notebook". Do these excuses sound familiar to you?

Students may have good excuses, but the teachers often had comebacks such as "Bring it in tomorrow, signed", "Sorry . . . it's a zero", "What happens if I forget to pass you?"

This year was a memorable and special experience for the teachers, as well as the students. The school system had changed from year round to traditional, and the grading scale changed, making school a greater challenge for the student and teacher.



I. Ilchyshyn Orchestra

P. Matovick Special Ed Pep Club

M. Parker PE Volleyball Basketball

P. Jones English

B. Moore Guidance Football

P. Pearsall English Newspaper

R. LaTulipe Administrative Secretary

C. Morehead PE Wld Studies Gymnastics

J. Qualls PE Football Basketball Key Club

B. Leiby Wld Studies

G. Outman Art Drama Club

M. Szady Algebra I General Math Chess Club

C. Wakefield English Newspaper

W. Mallard Assistant Principal

J. Parker General Math Wrestling Baseball

P. Szymonski Wld Studies Track SCA

P. Zahl Biology Earth Science



"He said, . . . , but then she said . . . " as teachers gather after Potomac's first open house.

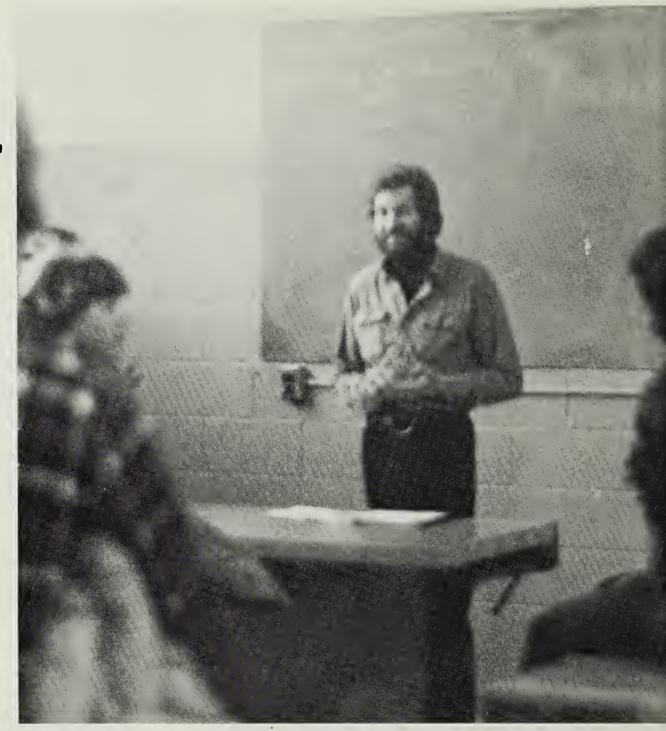


Mrs. C. Rast, new Earth Science and Biology teacher.



Mrs. P. Emmons, new World Studies teacher.

New and Familiar Faces



Mr. S. Buchanan, new Industrial Arts teacher.

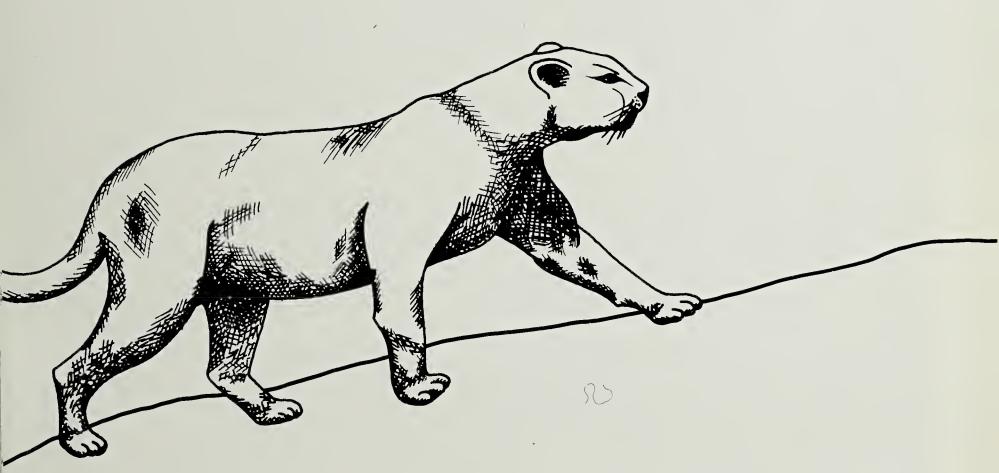
Cafeteria staff: Mrs. Carney, Mrs. Bowles, Mrs. Fulkerson, Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Miles.

Our day custodian, Mr. J. Compton.

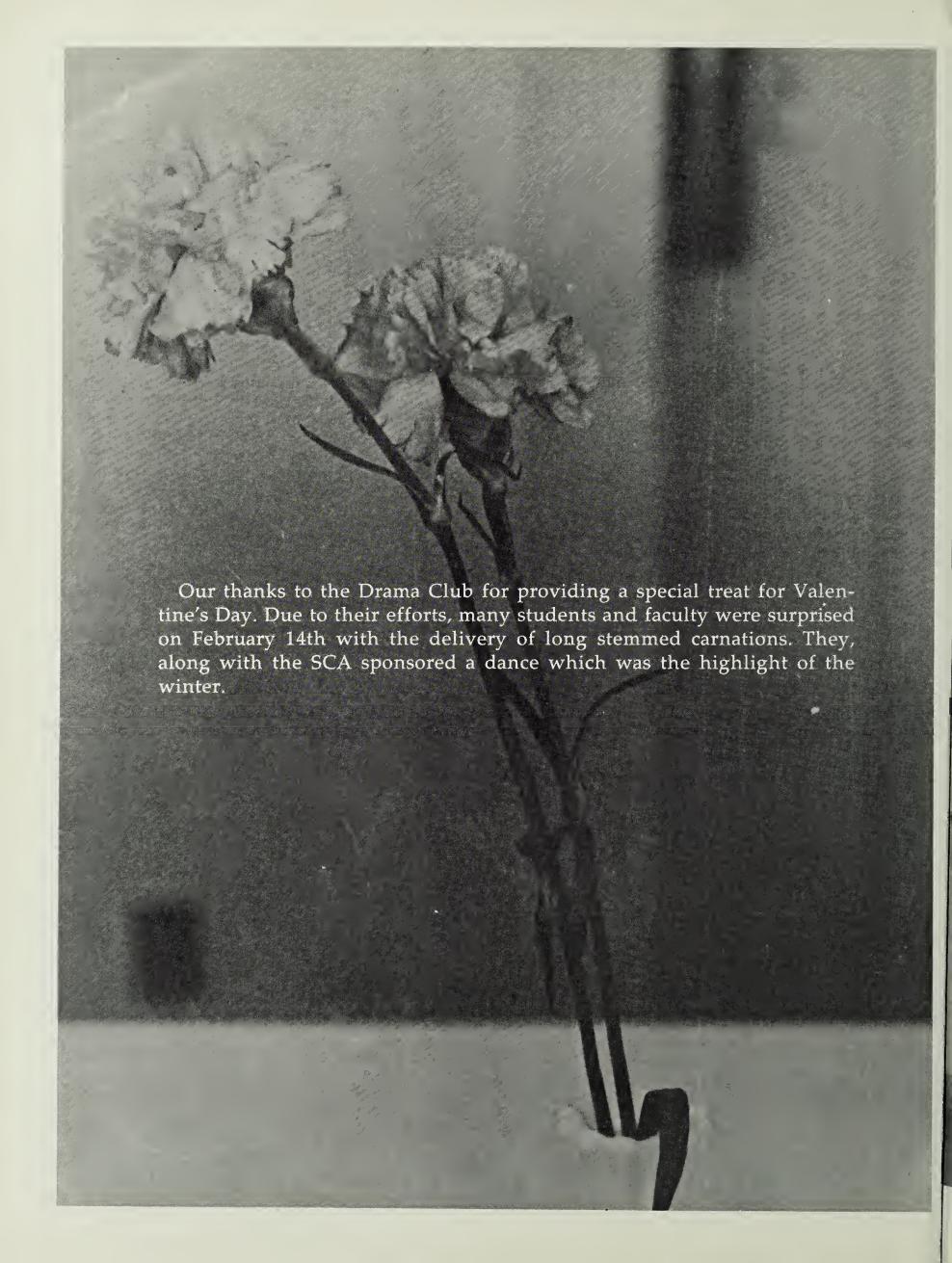




In the Beginning . . .



Student Life





The "Lunch Bunch" on jersey day.

SPIRIT WEEK!



Four of our lovliest ladies on Crazy Day.

How many times have you seen someone walking down the hall in a long robe and footie pajamas? During "Spirit Week" you could expect to see almost anything. All this was for one of our biggest football rivals, the Woodbridge Vikings. The enthusiam paid off, as we dominated the game, crushing Woodbridge 21-0.

Monday was "Jersey Day" Tuesday was "Crazy Day", and Wednesday, the day of the big game, was "Blue and White Day". The participation of everyone in the week's activities showed that the Panthers were really something to watch for.



MVP—Gymnastics, Tammy Causey



MVP-Wrestling, Matt Pallo



MVP—Girls Basketball, Lisa Margheim

The 1st Winter Sports Banquet was a success due to the tremendous support of the parents, who prepared the food, and the student athletes, whose winning records made it a festive occassion.

Awards such as Most Rebounds, Most Take Downs, Most Dedicated, and Most Improved were given in addition to the certificates of participation given to each team member.



Believe it or not, this foot belongs to the MVP of the girls basketball team!



Certificates for All Trophies for Some

The coaches and their wives enjoyed the delicious food.

"Mr. Basketball", Jeff Lowry.



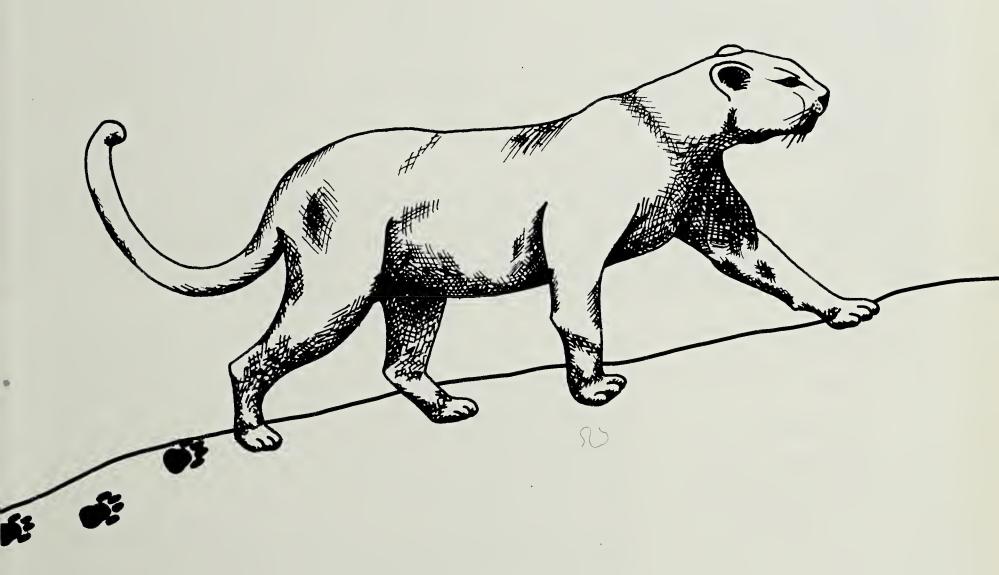
How Long Until the Bell?



Loafing like this, caused a visit to Mrs. Sokol (below), who kept track of the tardy passes.



In the Beginning . . .



Activities



Sleigh Bells And Snow Flakes . . . Christmas 1979









Christmas was ushered in by clear skies, warm weather, and a concert by our band, orchestra, and chorus. In a special assembly on the Wednesday before vacation, the music department brought good cheer to all.

Spirit Explosion . . .

"Get to work and stop fooling around," said Mrs. Hall. We've got a lot of work to do before we go to camp July 9-12.

The first day of camp we were in a lot of pain because we weren't really prepared for all the exercises and new cheers we had to learn. That night we didn't get the "spirit stick", but we got a white ribbon for an outstanding performance.

The second day we worked even harder. Everyone was dead during our breaks. When we went to lunch and dinner all of us "pigged out" because we were very hungry.

The last day we had to perform the cheers we learned at camp and also one of our own from school. We won a red ribbon and the "spirit stick", which we got to bring home. When we got home, all of us dropped dead in our beds and stayed there til the next day!

We had a really great time this year cheering for all the teams, traveling to all the different schools, and helping make Potomac the best high school in the county.

Renee Hatfield

Gloria Ferran, Renee Hatfield, Teresa McCloud, Dawn Wells, and Kelly Dowd cheering their team to the "top".

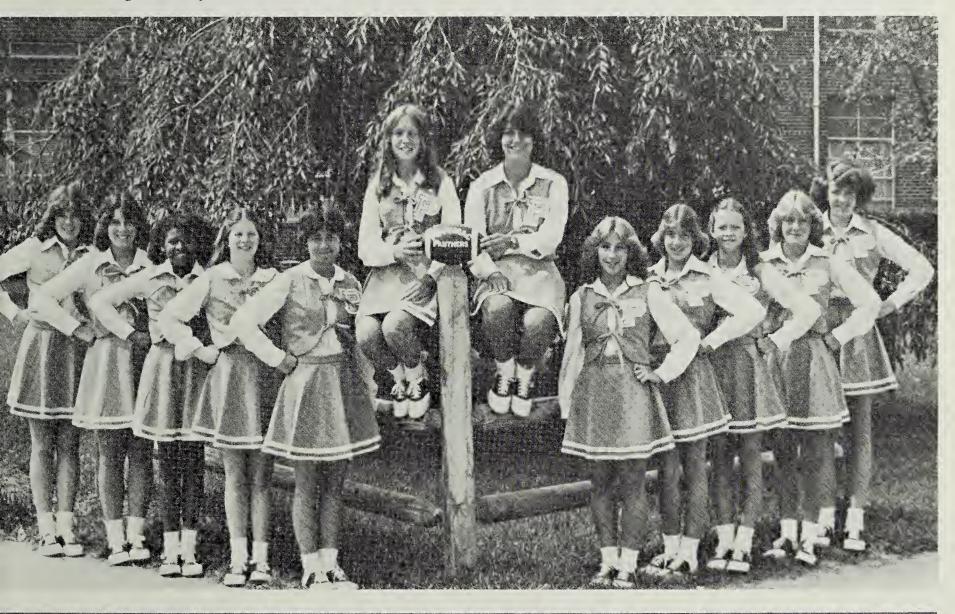
Cheering our football team toward victory at Gar-Field.





Rah-Rahs

Kelly Dowd, Donna Pasquini, Gloria Greenhow, Teresa Mc Cloud, Susan Shannon, Sherri Turner, Gloria Ferran, Cheri Mandgroc, Sally Slocum, Carol Dail, Dawn Wells, Renee Hatfield.





Valentines Dance



The Drama Club and SCA co-sponsored a dance for Valentine's Day. A vote was taken in homeroom to determine the Sweethearts. The following were nominated: Jeff Lowry, Richard Roeske, Peter Theirault, Jim Bailey, and Clyde Turner. The girls were: Cheri Mandgroc, Sherri Turner, Patty Martin, Sandy Keys, and Dawn Wells. Peter and Cheri were the winners.

Several couples decided to sit out some of the dances.

Richard Roeske sways to the music.

Singing to the music is Jeff Lowry and friend.





And A Good Time Was Had By All







Panther Band



Members: Patty Arthur, Mike Asbery, Donnie Baggott, Lisa Bergsma, Sandy Blackburn, Nancy Blalock, Mark Blanchard, Bill Blatt, Charmaine Bushey, Tammy Cook, Cheryl Corcoran, Janet Devaney, Kelly Dowd, Robert Evans, Darrell Falk, Deliese Gendron, John Grubbe, Robert Hall, Renee Hatfield, Heather Hinkamp, Dan Honaker, John Kersse, Ken Malone, Billy Manvell, David Mast, Kim McCarty, Glyn Owen, Robert Savage, Judy Scarpa, Sally Slocum, David Summa, Darren Wade, Jeanie Waniel, Robert White, Gary Wilson, Terry Young, Kevin Zehner, Janet LaFleur, Karin Underwood, Eddie Sellers.

This year was a beginning for everything. The beginning of a new school, new friendships, and a new band. Our band has been able to establish itself as something to watch for in the future. During the year they accompanied the chorus at assemblies, and performed on their own. Three of the band students participated in All-Regional Band.

As always in the beginning, there is a period of adjustment. Basically, that is what the band did this year. Next year they'll be sure to make a name for themselves wherever they play.

Chorus





Our vocal group this year was a mixed chorus. At one time or another, they were heard by everyone. Whether you were just passing by during a rehearsal, or hearing them perform, you couldn't help but admire their talents.

Although their appearances were few and far between, we always enjoyed their music.

5th Period: Thomas Rand, Steve Amidon, David Padua, Tim Taylor, Tina VanTree, Traci Simpson, Becky Santmyer, Becky Coffenberry, Gloria Ferran, Mary Tiplady, Lisa Margheim, Amy Fletcher, Susan Martinez, Angela Prudot, Tauwana Marble, Wilda Blake, Carla Hunter.

Lisa Margheim, Amy Fletcher, Susan Martinez, Angela Prudot, Tauwana Marble, Wilda Blake, Carla Hunter.
6th Period: Sherry Turner, Joyce Cornwell, Jamie Laine, Stephanie Macalino, Dina Dardzinski, Karen Francis, Marcie Anderson, Sharon Harris, Brenda Watson, Kristie Martin, Chris Lincoln, Magda Mohle, Susan Shannon, Liz Thorenson, Josie Dionne, Doug Copenhaver, John Chapman, John Oravec, Fritz Grundeman.

Orchestra



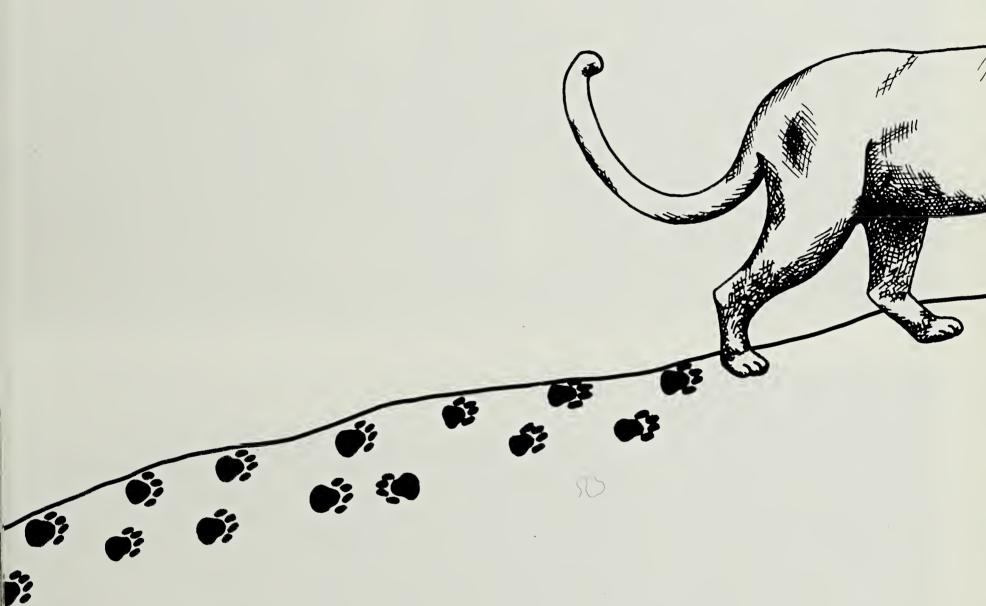
Members: Shelly Seitz, Deanna Cook, Jennifer Colletti, Alison Spence, Katherine Riddle, John Atkins, Diane East, Susan Bahorich, Andy Buckon, Jennifer Hayes, Ricky Potvin, Tim Taylor, Sandy Komisar, Kirsten Brown, Nina Crouch, Jon Copley. The PSHS orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. Ilchyshyn did very well in its first year. One of their first public performances was at the parent-teacher open house.

Last fall, Junior All-Regional Band try-outs were held at Lake Braddock Secondary School. The following students were selected to play: Shelly Seitz and Deanna Cook, violin; Andy Buchon and Susan Bahorich, viola; Jennifer Hayes, cello; and Jon Copley, bass. In December, the orchestra presented three Christmas concerts, for one of which the Graham Park and Rippon orchestras joined them.

Spring activities included: District Festival, a "pop" concert, and Solo and En-

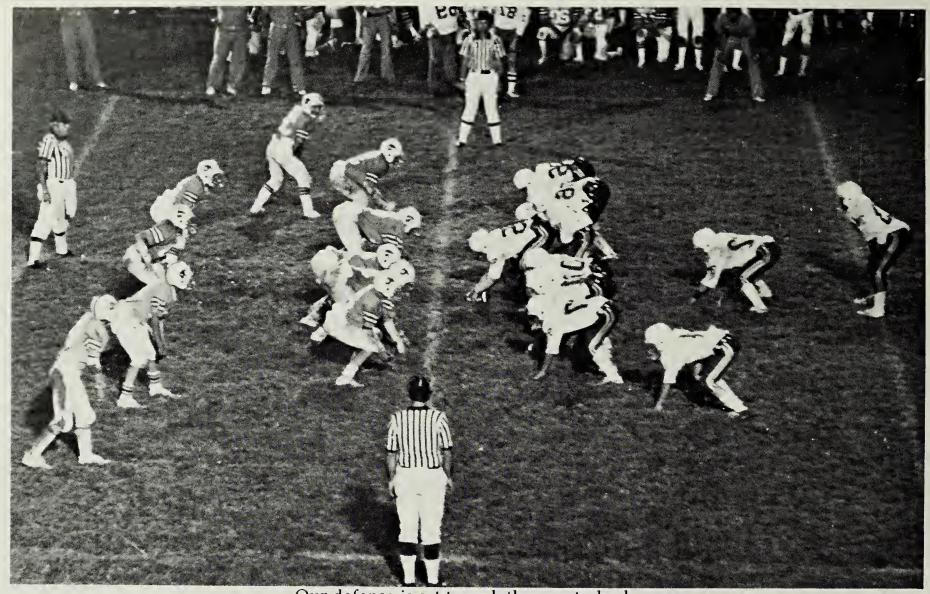
semble.

In the Beginning . . .



Sports

Records set as season starts



Our defense is set to sack the quarterback.



The team co-captains.



Team Roster: Sam Harrison, David Bell, Jeff Lowry, Scott Bartosh, Michael Planey, Jim Bailey, Kenneth Simpaon, John Queen, Mark Johnson, Douglas Copenhaver, Daryell Bailey, James Fields, Richard Roeske, Ken Malone, Gary Long, Douglas Swogger, John Tabourn, Jim Massie, Steve Ferguson, Greg Scites, Wallace Jacobson, Buddy Biscardo, Kenneth Vanfleet, Clyde Turner, Robert Savage, Matthew Dell, Randy Watson, Willie Cumberland, Joseph Quintavalli, Mike Asbery, Jerry Ledlow, Rodney Wilson, Ray Jackson, Milton Martin, Chris Wilburn, George Schelegel, Bill Blatt, Chris Stacy, John Geyer, Frank Shelton, David Waldman, Gary Heggenstaler, Perry Ham, Peter Theriault, Larry Beightol, Steve Amidon, John Grubbe, Terry Young, Jeff Johnson, Matthew Pallo, Leonard Close, Bucky Marks, Donald Johnson.



The Panther coaches.

Potomac's first football team had an outstanding season. The players put forth the amount of effort and determination needed to be number one. Although the players were faced with many hardships, they showed their spirit and dedication.

"Since the beginning of practice on August 10th, we've had something to prove. We did it by beating Woodbridge and Gar-Field, our arch rivals. We soon became a team instead of a group of football players. We've started an unending football tradition. Never again will Gar-Field and Woodbridge be the dominant force in football." Clyde Turner.

The head coach was Mr. Brown. His assistants were Mr. Quall, Mr. Gardziel, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Moore. The coaches also did an excellent job, not only coaching and helping the boys, but also giving them the support they needed.

The first game in PSHS history was on September 8, 1979. A 7-0 victory over Gar-Field was the start of a tremendous season. Although we had a very successful season, we did have a couple of problems. The main one was injuries.

In summarizing the Panther season, Coach Brown said "Potomac's football season was a highly successful one. Our record was 6 wins, 3 losses, and 2 of the losses were by 1 point. More important, Potomac has established it's arrival into the Commonwealth District."

"The major objective of our season was accomplished, in that we wanted to lay the foundation for our varsity competition by learning the fundamental techniques of football and improving each week. This football team has the ability for greatness, and with the help of our students and faculty, we can have a team to be proud of."



The thrill of victory.



Richard Roeske and the offense in action.

Did You Spike The . . .



During a time out in the Gar-Field game, Coach Parker discusses strategy.

... the ball? Words such as set, bump, and spike, took on new meanings to the first girls' volleyball team.

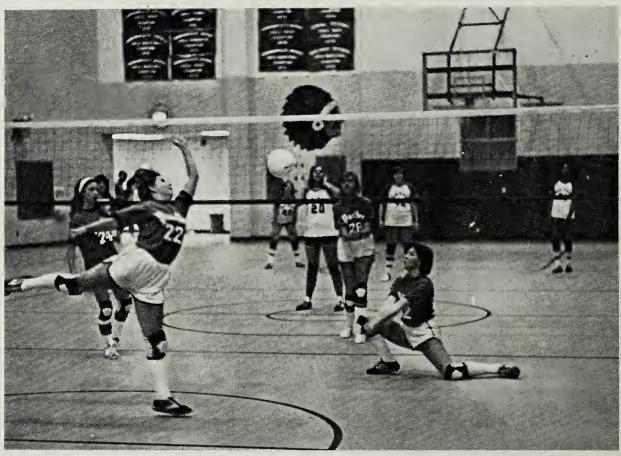
All of the girls played well. In fact, they had a championship season. Mrs. Parker did a fine job molding the talents of the girls into a team.

To celebrate their 7-1 season, the team went to Pizza Hut.

Shelley Seitz was the most valuable player.



Pre-game meetings like this psyched the girls to a 7-1 season.



After a hit from Susan Cozart, Ginny Reid sets up for a "bump".



Kris Doyle, Manager, Susan Cozart, Ginny Reid, Diana Roop, Jeannie Waniel, Melissa Davis, Sandy Keys, Angie Prudot. Mrs. Parker, Shelley Seitz, Marcie Anderson, Nancy Blalock, Lisa Margheim, Kim McCarty, Kelly Feltault, Beth Beyer, Chris Brygger.

We Will Survive

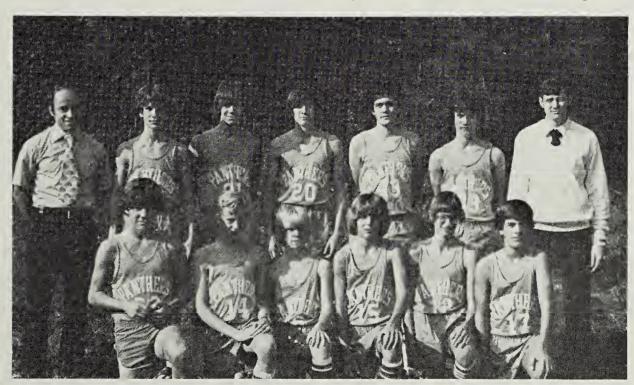


During a practice run, the grimaces show what fun cross country can be.

And survive they did.

Although they didn't have a great season, the cross country team put forth a lot of effort. When asked what he was hoping for this season, Mr. Hardison replied, "I was hoping for experience, a solid foundation, a team spirit." He added that next year he hopes that "the athelets are better, and that they beat some teams."

The cross country team did a fine job in their first year of distance running.



Patrick O'Connor, Robert Holley, Brad Miller, Steve Beamer, Mark Romano, Kurt Farber. Mr. Szymonski, Tim Taylor, Mike Donnley, Randy Messer, Doug Perry, Billy Burkler, Mr. Hardison.



Running relaxed are Robert Holley, Randy Messer, and Mark Romano.



Shooting over the G-F defense, Jeff Lowry scores 2 of his 303 season points.

Basketball is a non-combat sport!

Mike Tierney, guarding his man.

A strong offense was needed to overcome defenses like this.



Boys Basketball



Milton Martin, Darrell Bailey, Jeff Lowry, Richard Roeske, Glyn Owens, Vince Maziekus, Eric Howard, Bill Garretson, Mike Tierney, Donri Roberson, John Queen, Jackie Johnson, Jonathan Tabourn, Jeff Johnson, John Oravec, Coach Qualls, Jon Copley.

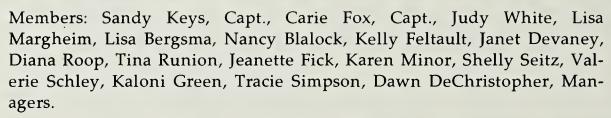




The boys basketball team knew the meaning of the word "hustle". According to Coach Qualls, they were a close knit group who showed a lot of improvement, and who worked well together. When asked how he felt about the team, Coach Qualls replied "they conducted themselves as outstanding student athletes, and set precedences for teams in the future.

The team finished the season with a 10-7 record, 10-4 in district competition.











Girls Basketball



"15 suicides, go!" bellowed Mrs. Parker. That was how practice for girls basketball began. After that, there were some drills and a scrimage against each other.

There were days when we were not up to "par", but other days we were invincable. Then there were the locker room jokes, mainly Lisa Bergsma's. She did immitations—her best, the FTD Florist.

Judy White was our foul expert. Nine seconds into our last game, Judy had a foul.

Then there was the experience of riding home on the bus. All of us would gather toward the back of the bus and wave to people as they passed by. Sometimes they waved back, but other times we got some funny looks.

During the games though, it was a different atmosphere. It took concentration, skill, and a little bit of luck to have a 7-1 season, our only loss being to Gar-Field.

All in all we had a Fantastic time!

Lisa Margheim

Trying not to foul is Judy White.

Lisa gets the jump ball for the Panthers.

Adding a point for the Panthers is Kelly Feltault.

Sandy gets a jump ball.

Wrestling



Jerry Ledlow in perfect take down position.



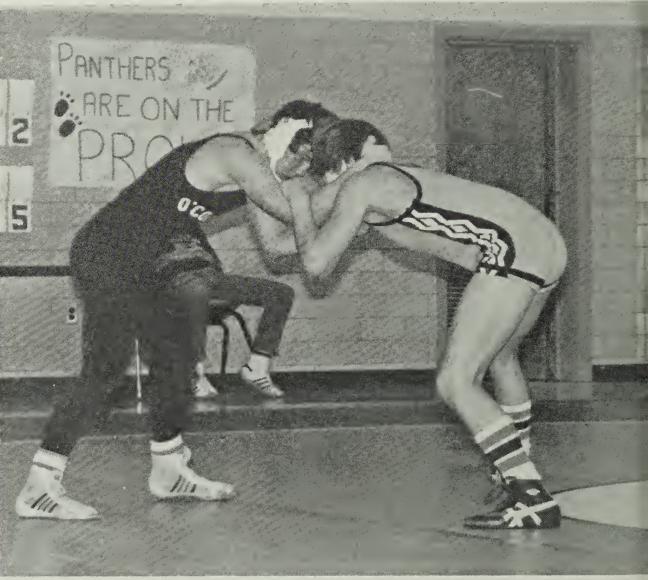
John Beneviedes, Mark Lowery, Greg Young, Mark Blanchard, Ray Jackson, Ken Malone, Butch Schelegel, Phillip Walker, Frank Shelton, David Waldman. Al DeCarli, Steve Robinson, Tony Thomas, Eric Neilson, Buddy Biscardo, Doug Swogger, Clyde Turner, Jerry Ledlow, Gary Heggenstaller, Chris Stacy, Matt Pallo, Tim Raley, Jim Bailey, Thomas Rand.



Zeke avoids a take down.

"This team showed a lot of character" said Coach Parker when asked how he would summarize his team. Many of the boys had never wrestled, much less know what he meant by take down, reversal, escape, or pin.

The Panthers finished with a 4-4 record, mostly against junior varsity teams. They won 2 invitational tournaments.

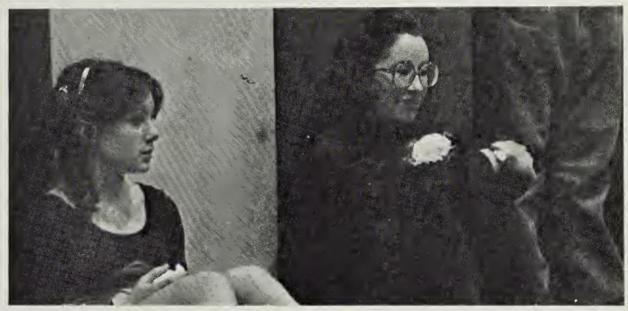


Setting up a double leg take down is Matt Pallo.

Gymnastics









Nadia Comaneci or Olga Korbut they're not, but they are heading that way.

The girls had a good season for the amount of people they had. Two of the the five were competing on the varsity level and the rest were on J.V. When we hosted the invitational meet only three could participate.

Tammy Causey did well in varsity competition. She placed 7th in the district on both balance beam and floor exercise.

Members: Susie Rotondo, Theresa Rice, Becky Coffenberry, Tammy Smoot, Tammy Causey.

Students Vs.

Practicing what he preached, Coach Qualls is guarding T-Bone Howard.

A "jump" ball is fought for by Coach Qualls and Richard Roeske at the start of the fourth quarter.

Mr. Hardison shoots a foul shot. He usually missed the first and hit the second shot.







Faculty



After some last minute coaching by Mr. Qualls, the "Big M", Mr. Mallard, went on to score 36 points in the first student-faculty basketball game. The men defeated the students 67-62.

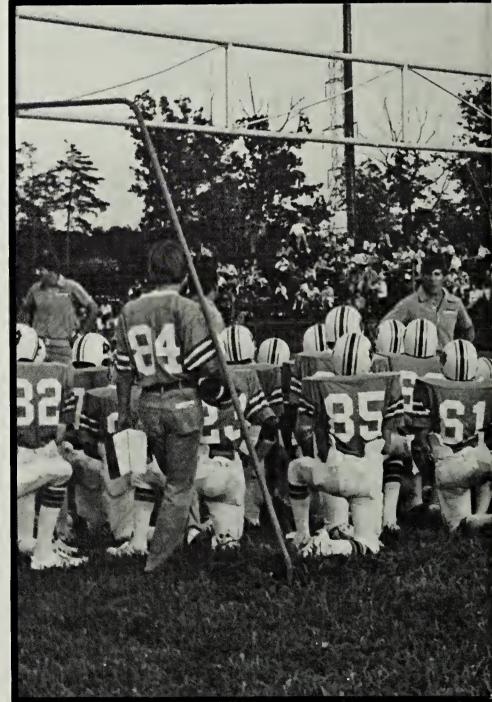


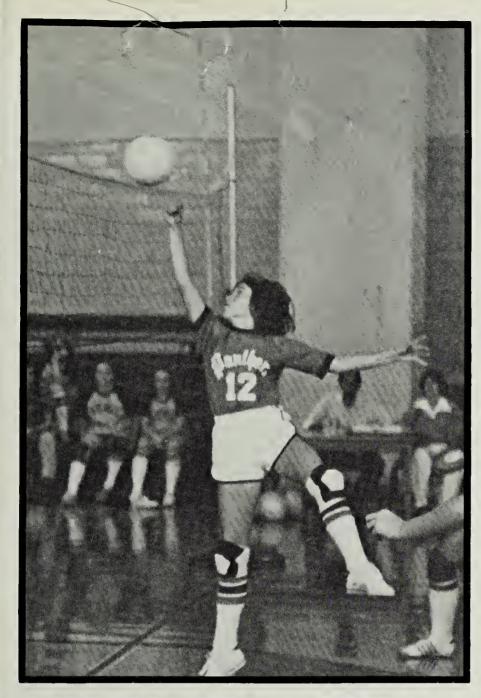
The Year in Sports

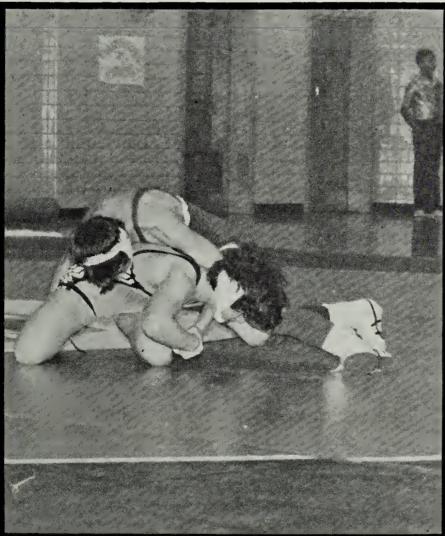








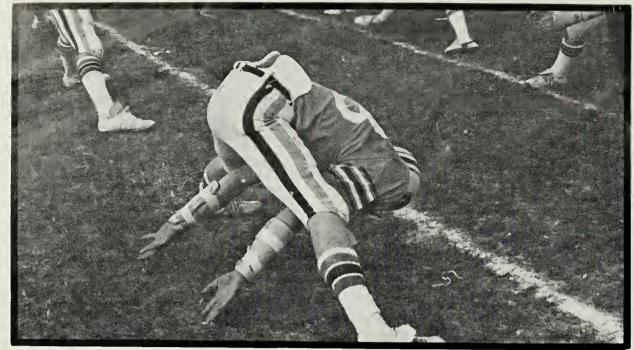




Potomac's first year of athletic competition was a highly successful one. All of our teams that competed on the Freshman level had winning seasons. Several were in first place in the district. Two of our teams, cross country and gymnastics, competed on the varsity level. Both of these squads did well and gained a great deal of experience.

The spring sports included boys and girls track, baseball, soccer, and softball, The yearbook staff was unable to get pictures or stories for any of them because of our deadlines. Most of the spring sports started on March third. We hope that they were as successful as the rest of our program was.





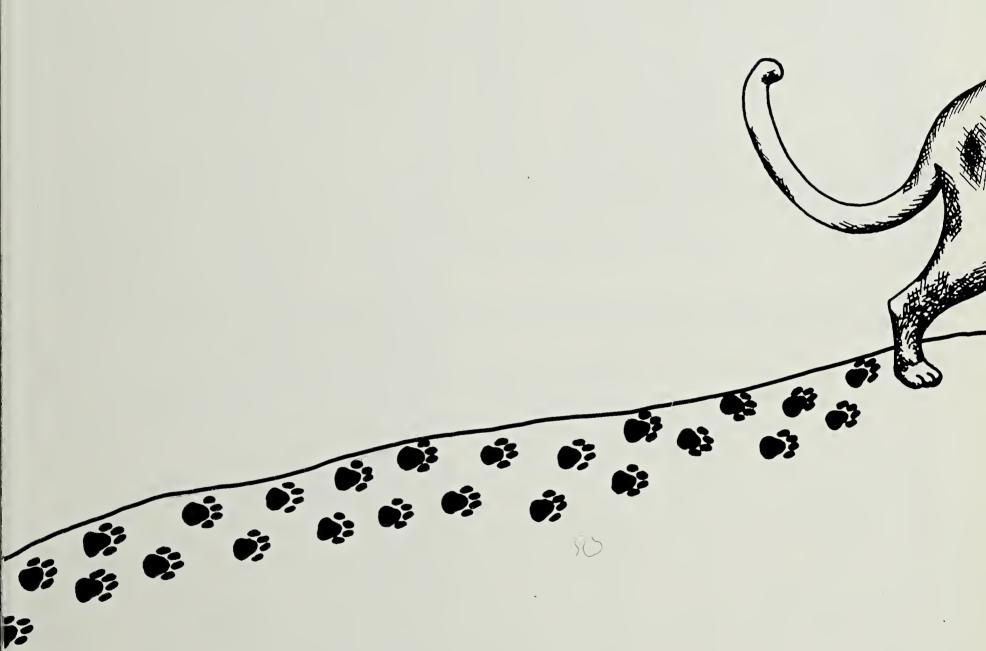








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Clubs

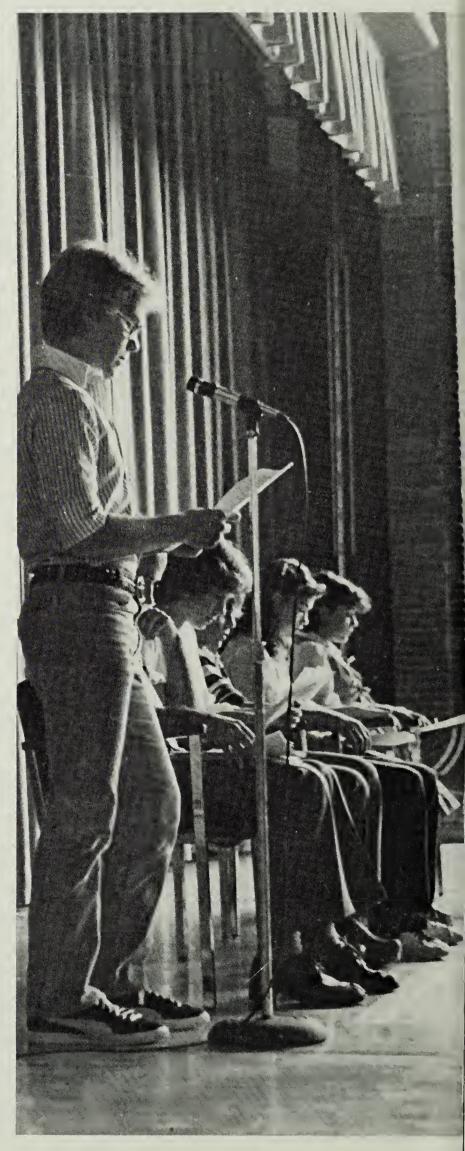
Student Cooperative



In early August, Kelly Feltault, Jon Copley, Dawn Davis, Steve Beamer, Sandy Keys, Gloria Ferran, Andy Buckon, and Mr. Szymonski started writing the constitution for the SCA. The first week of school, some of these people presented it to the student body, and it was accepted. The second week of school nominations were held. The student body selected the candidates. The choice was between Steve Beamer and Jon Copley for president, Jeanine Waniel and Gloria Ferran for vice-president, Cheri Mandgroc and Sandy Keys for secretary, Toni Malanka and Rhonda Tipton for treasurer, and Dawn Wells and Tami Hines for sargent at arms. Elections were held after a week of campaigning.

The SCA had the opportunity to run the school store this year. We sold many school supplies, pennants, and Panther hats. At the beginning of the year we improved the lunch program by getting ice cream and chocolate milk. On February 15 we co-sponsored a Valentines Dance with the Drama Club. One of our last projects was the formation of a school seal for PSHS.

Jon Copley



Association





Officers: Jeanie Waniel, Dawn Wells, Cheri Mandgroc, Mr. Szymonski, Jon Copley, Toni Malanka.

Members: 113 Stephon Sterns, 121 Cathy Triano, 205 Carla Hunter, 207 Denise Jones, 208 Steve Ferguson, 209 Chris Guiterrez, 2 Jim Bailey, 211 Sally Slocum, 212 Dianna Roop, 213 David Bell, 214 James Degnan, 215 Tammy Causey, 218 David Padua, 219 Chuck Madaris, 220 Ann Price, 221 Sharon Mac-Pherson, 223 Patricia Martin, 224 Rhonda Tipton, 230 Amy Wightman, 231 Sherri Turner

Junior Civitans

Junior Civitan Club was a service organization that helped the Senior Citizens, and ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens). It had 57 members.

They held many successful fund drives. For Thanksgiving, they had a food drive which was a big success. At Christmas, they held a toy drive. They gave the articles to the Salvation Army for distribution. Other fund raising projects were a fruitcake and Lovable Hugable stuffed animal sale. They were both successful.

The first weekend in May was the Ocean City Convention.







Membership list not available



Key Club

The Key Club opened many new doors for Potomac this year. With many successful projects during the year, they gained respect from students and teachers alike. One of these projects was a clothes drive at Christmas with all clothes going to a needy cause. Their biggest project was a faculty-Key Club basketball game, with a dance afterwards. The profit from this helped to pay for a trip to Va. Beach for the annual convention. Before the big night, they had a bake sale to raise money for decorations and a disc jockey. There was a lot of hard work, but it was all worth it for the weekend in Va. Beach. Everyone learned things to help improve the club for the years to come. They also had a lot of fun.



Officers: Jerry Ledlow, Pres., Sandy Keys, Vice-Pres., Lisa Schulken, Sec. /Treas., Clyde Turner, Sgt.-at-Arms.





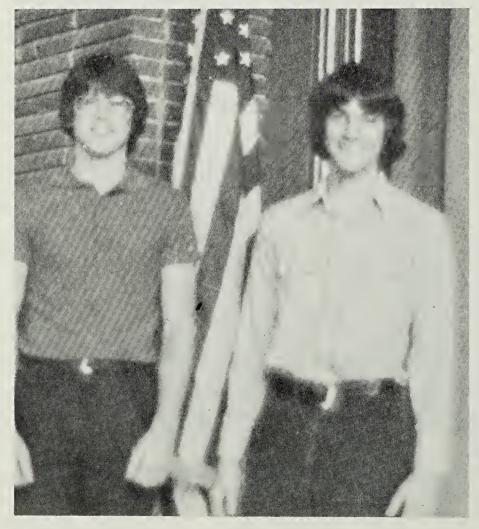




Members: Jim Bailey, Chip Bartosch, David Bell, Beth Beyer, Buddy Biscardo, Chi, Greg Fields, Kerry Flynn, Bill Garretson, Sharon Harris, Gary Heggenstaller, Ray Jackson, Wallace Jacobson, Mark Johnson, John Kerse, San Sandy Keys, Jerry Ledlow, Toni Malanka, Cheri Mandgroc, Jim Massie, John Oravec, Mathew Pallo, Doug Perry, Angie Prudot, Richard Roeske, Dianna Roop, Lisa Schulken, Frank Shelton, Sally Slocum, Chris Stacy, Doug Swogger, Peter Theriault, Tony Thomas, Rhonda Tipton, Clyde Turner, Sherri Turner, Amy Wightman, Rodney Wilson.



The Potomac Messenger



Members: Susan Cooper, Joyce Cornwell, Virginia Cornwell, Debbie Ellis, Jenny Dorfeld, Traci Simpson, Glyn Owen, Sofia Pandazides, Jennifer Hayes, Robert Lohr, Scott Munn, Melinda Curtis, Dina Dardzinski, Michelle White, Mary Dalton, Jim Degnan, Dianna Roop.

The newspaper staff started this new year with members who had not written or edited a newspaper before. The staff, headed by Editor-in-Chief, Jimmy Degnan, and Managing Editor, Glyn Owen, think that writing a newspaper was a valuable experience and many of them plan on being on the newspaper staff next year.

The paper's name was chosen from several names, which included Panther Pause, Panther Paws and Potomac Messenger. The sponsors liked the Panther Paws, but the staff chose Potomac Messenger. Four issues were planned for the year with more to come in the future.

Editors: Glyn Owen and Jim Degnan



Photography Club



Members: Steve Beamer, Mike Asbery, Angela Cehen, Sherri Weaver, Larry Beightol, Billy Butler, Tammy Cook, Mark Campbell, Laura Campbell, John Chapman, Darrell Falk, Josee Dionne, Mike Jones, Todd Radtke, Matt Dell, Lisa Perks, Ken Malone, Tim Hawley, Sandy Komisar, Debbie Light, Jerry Ledlow, Gary Long, Laurie King, Jamie Lane, Ange Lebowitz, Jonathon Tabourn, Danny Cooper, Michael Stratman, Susan Cozart, David Hankins, Chris Wilburn, Terry Young, Robert White, Chris Wood, Treasea Arnold, Eric Howard, George Hayward, Gloria Ferran, Tonya Stanley, Alison Spence, Bill Blatt, Lisa Bergsma, John Queen, Chuch Madaris, Eric Neilson, Brad Miller, Frank Metzler, Stuart Nickerson.

Pep Club

Members: Tracey Baker, Marcie Anderson, Susan Bahorich, Pam Adams, Heather Hinkamp, Brenda Watson, Pam Wainauskis, Rhonda Vandiford, Desiree Watson, Doreen Bullock, Gayle Clemons, Rhonda Tipton, **Jeanette** Fick, Michelle Maconaughey, Pam Sloan, Susan Shaw, Traci Simpson, Valerie Schley, Robert Simmons, Tammy Jackson, Pat Martin, Jenny Parker, LeAnne Overby, Tamara O'Hearn, Tony Malanka, Liz McDonald, Johanna Marucci, Belinda Maddos, Wanda McLaughlin, Lisa Meade, Tami Hines, Lisa Killion, Diane Leckey, Sandy Komisar, Ange Lebowitz, Kaloni Green, Cathy Sweatman, Yolanda Stokes, Donna Smith, Dawn Stidham, Carol Dail, Sally Dail, Carla Crossley, Melissa Davis, Chris Wood, Chris Lincoln, Chris Brygger, Kristy Martin, Patty Martin, Linda Riggle, Ginny Reid, Sandy Jones, Gloria Jones.

Chess Club

Members: Tim Taylor, Bob Patenaude, John Angelo, Lee Fairweather, David Wagner, Rodney Lohr, Wesley Smith, Hall Smith, Allen Naylor, Lenny Taylor, Ricky Misner, James Gibson, Rodney Wilson, Bert Harrison, Chris Taggart, Jeff Miller









Foreign Language Club

Members: Reginald Parker, Aubie East, Brian Falter, Sofia Pandazides, Jennifer Hayes, Ange Lebowitz, Randy Gilmore, Deliese Gendron, Tamara Smoot, Lisa Margheim, John Atkins



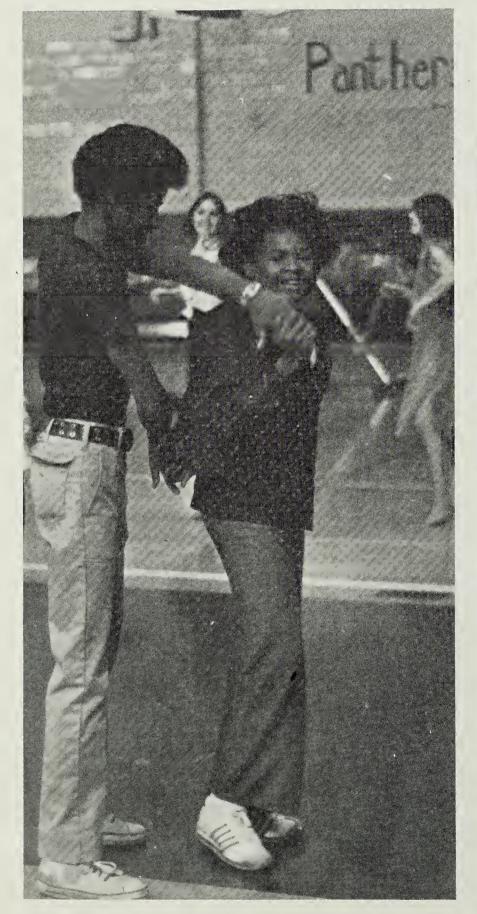


Members: Kelly Exline, Ricky Potvin, Sofia Pandazides, Kim McCarty, Eddie Marbaker, Carla Hunter, Patty Moores, Dawn Davis, Chris Haddad, Connie Mitchell, Judy Scarpa, Beth Ruper

Library Club

Disco Fever

Formed by Miss Matovick, for people who liked to dance, the Disco Club met every Wednesday. Turns, dips, steps, and rhythms were taught to the group, which met in the gym

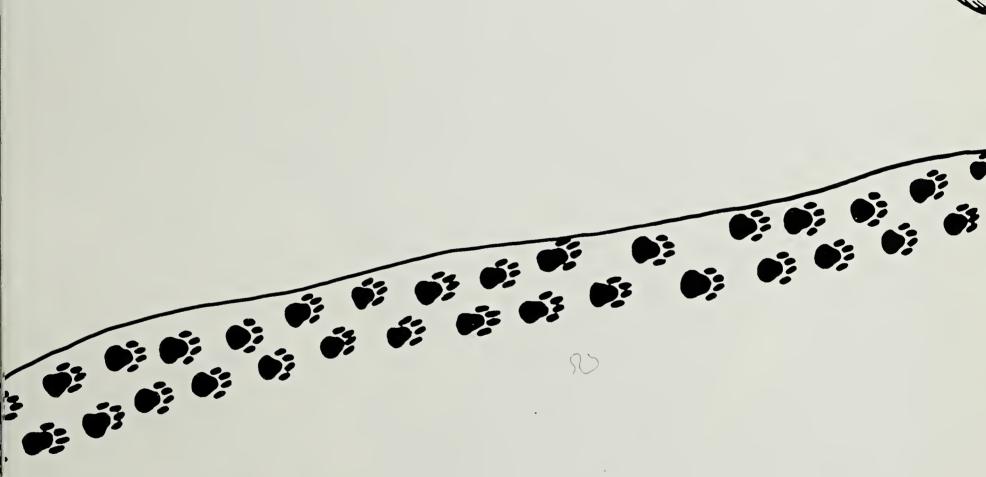








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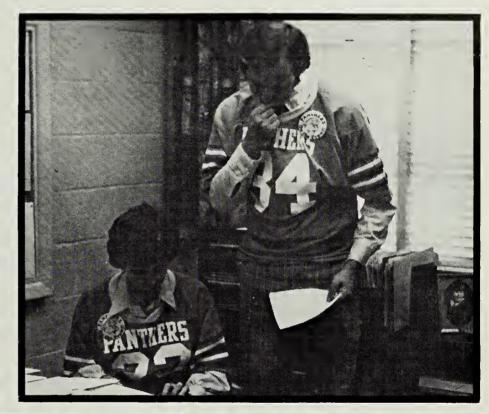


Closing





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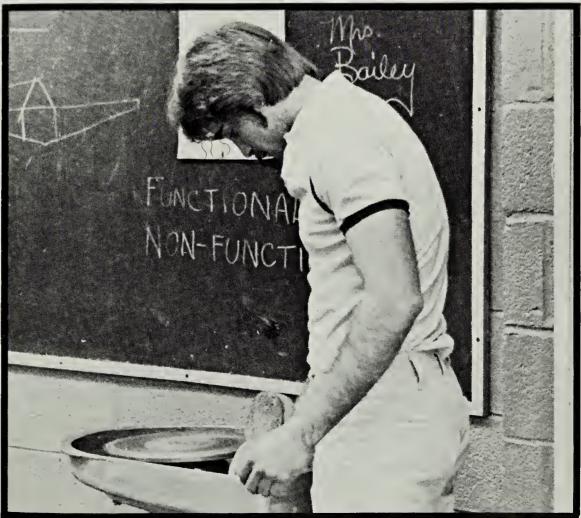
Tamara O'Hearn—Remember the Jimmy and Kristy McNickol Show.

Randy Gilmore.

Tish,

You've been the best friend anyone could have. We've had some great times together and there's plenty more to come. Remember the black Trans-Am and all our laughs at Solomon's Island?

> Lylas forever, Christy

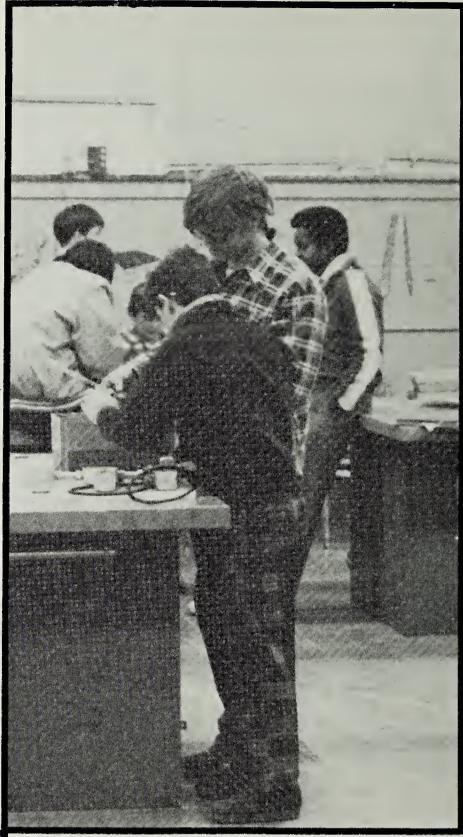


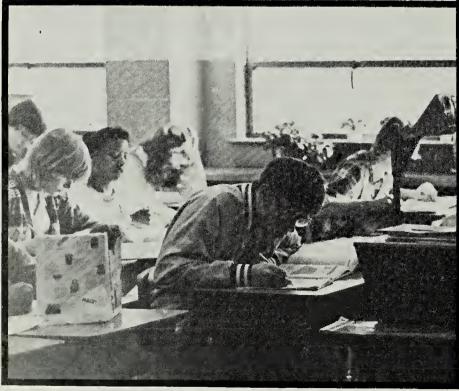
While we were worrying about semester exams, the world seemed to explode around us. Here are just a few of the "bombshells".

IRANIAN CRISIS

November 4th, 1979 was the day that the Iranian students took over the Ame American Embassy in Teheran.

They demanded the U.S. to send the Shah back to Iran. After we refused, they held the Americans as hostages. The first tenative signs of release came in February, 1980.





Sorry to move and leave you all behind. I'll keep in touch and you better too. I'll always remember Potomac and all my friends in it. So, keep in touch.

Love, Sally Dail

Jeanie Waniel, Donnie Baggot, Hall Smith, Brenda Watson, and Timmy Lucas. See ya skating!

Love always Rhonda Vandiford.



WINTER OLYMPICS

The world's eyes turned to Lake Placid, NY on February 12, while everyone impatiently awaited the turnout of the Winter Olympics. A total of 37 nations participated. The Games ran smoothly despite annoying transportation problems. Eric Heiden set new world records in the 5 speed skating events he participated in. The United States Hockey team surprised everyone by taking the Gold Medal in the competition. Closing ceremonies for the 1980 Winter Olympic Games took place on February 24.

WORLD SERIES

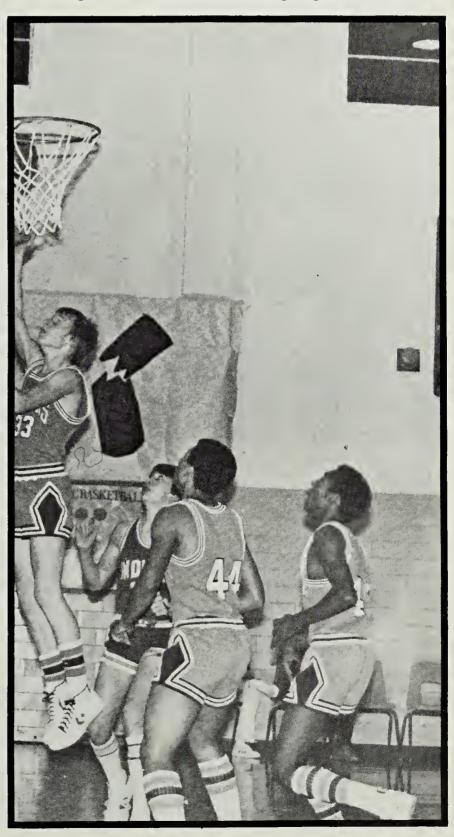
The World Series of 1979 was a contest between two great teams, the Baltimore Orioles and the Pittsburgh Pirates. The Orioles led the games from the start, but in a fantastic recovery the Pirates won the series, 4 games to 3. The Most Valuable Player was Willie Stargell, for his outstanding performance.

Hello Pipsqueak

Hello Dipdip

SUPER BOWL XIII

The Pittsburgh Steelers won their 4th Superbowl. This year they defeated the Los Angles Rams after a tough game.



Just call me "Cookie", Deanna Cook

David,

We've had some wonderful times together and I hope we have many more. We are the greatest and we'll always be. Remember our first dance together? Our first kiss? Good times, huh?

Love you forever, Rhonda





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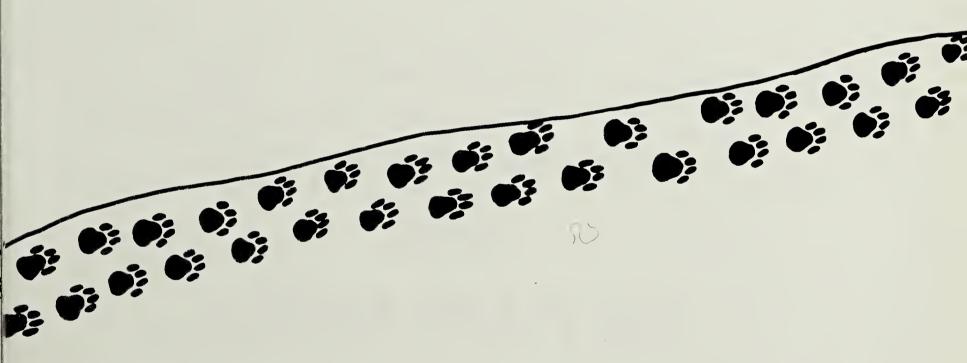
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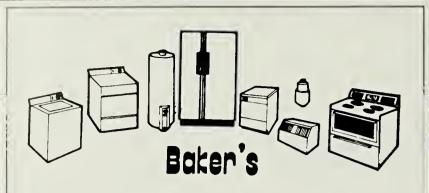
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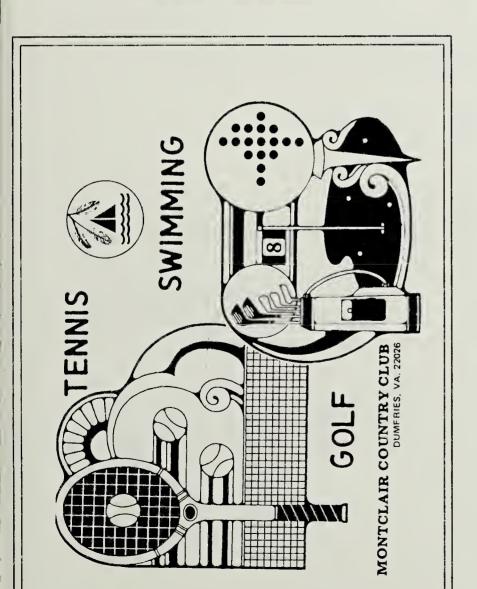
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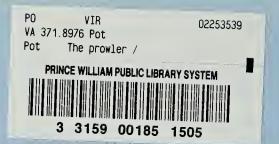


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